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AYOKO MAG-MIGRATE !!!

OUT of the jungles of Basilan, Abu Sayyaf hostages Lalaine Chua and Luis Bautista III, who were abducted in Dos Palmas, Palawan, are expected to emerge in 48 hours. DENNIS SABANGAN

Freedom for 2 hostages

Lear jet, Lalaine's pa on standby in Basilan

BY JULIE ALIPALA-INOT AND ALEXANDER M. YOUNG
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ISABELA CITY, Basilan—Two of the Abu Sayyaf's Dos Palmas hostages will be free within 48 hours, according to a self-styled negotiator here.

The negotiator told the INQUIRER that the countdown for the release of hostages Luis Bautista and Lalaine Chua started at 6 a.m. yesterday. Reports of the release of the two had been floated as early as last week.

At this writing, a King Air Lear jet was on standby at the Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga City. The negotiator said this was among "several indications" that the release was imminent, as the plane could be used to transport Bautista and Chua to Manila.

Another indication is that Lalaine's father, Benito, has been seen here. He reportedly arrived from Manila last Thursday.

In Zamboanga, Shariff Julabbi, spokesperson for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Western Mindanao, cited information that the group led by Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani and spokesperson Abu Sabaya had released Chua and Bautista.

Julabbi said on Friday that MILF ground troops in Basilan had relayed the information to him.

He said he could not confirm the identity of those who negotiated the release.

But Col. Danilo Servando, spokesperson of the Armed Forces' Southern Command, was adamant in saying that the military had not received information on any hostage release since Friday.

"*Wala, wala. Wala tayong reports na ganyan,*" Servando said.

The administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo maintains a strict "no-ransom" policy. But allegations persist that ransom was paid in exchange for the freedom of a number of Filipinos taken from the Palawan resort on May 27.

Explaining the supposed imminent release of Bautista and Chua, the negotiator said "probably, the Abu Sayyaf is buying time to evade pursuing military forces."

However, he added, the ongoing military operations were making it hard for the bandits to make their way to the supposed release site, which he refused to identify.

Clashes between government troops and the bandit group were reported in Barangays Kapatagan and Mazola at the lower portion of the Sampinit Complex in Isabela.

There have also been reports of military operations in Upper Sinangkapan in Tuburan town, where a soldier was killed.

Servando said the military would no longer be selective in going after its targets in Basilan.

He said any group bearing firearms would have a taste of the AFP's might.

Servando complained that MILF fighters in Basilan were interfering with the military operations against

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Lyn
Ramon
Max
Honi
Sylvia
Shereen

HOUSE DIVIDED: On one side(at left) are Lyn Ilusorio-Bildner, Maximo Ilusorio and Sylvia Ilusorio-Yap versus Ramon Ilusorio, Marietta and Shereen.

FROM THE BOOK, THE EDGE OF HEAVEN BY ERLINDA KALAW-ILUSORIO

NBI wants to see Ilusorio's last will

BY CATHY C. YAMSUAN

FACED with a request to secure the cremated remains of the late multimillionaire and Marcos crony Potenciano Ilusorio, National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the agency needed to determine whether Ilusorio really indicated in his last will and testament a desire to be cremated when he dies.

Potenciano's widow, Erlinda Kalaw-Ilusorio, 81, was reportedly not informed by three of her children, who were close to her late husband but hostile to her, about his death Thursday. She has asked the NBI to secure his ashes so that she can at least pay her last respects.

Ilusorio's remains were cremated on Thursday, the day he died, in compliance with his wishes, according to the camp of the Ilusorio children who sided with their father in a long, bitter publicized legal battle between estranged husband and wife.

The children close to the late businessman, who died at 88 and was conservatively estimated to be worth P300 million in 1999, said their father wanted his ashes scattered on the grounds of the Baguio Country Club where he served as a long-time chair of the board.

"The truth about the desire to be cremated, if true, should be respected. Its confirmation will settle this case", Wycoco told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Wycoco would not say whether the NBI already has Ilusorio's ashes in its custody.

"For now, we are waiting for a copy of the last will and testament because we have been told that the move to cremate his remains was based on that," Wycoco said.

"We want a copy to settle this issue. Apparently the (widow) was not consulted and is asserting at least her right to the ashes," he added.

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Estradas glad trial won't be televised

BY ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ AND ALCUIN PAPA

ONLY the Estradas are happy.

The justice secretary yesterday said the government may appeal a Supreme Court ruling barring live coverage of the forthcoming trial of Joseph Estrada. But the camp of the ousted President expressed elation at the court's decision.

Estrada's son and co-accused, former Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, said the decision on Friday would prevent any "grandstanding" by prosecutors.

"We are happy with the decision. It finally gives us a chance to have at least a fair trial. The lawyers will simply concentrate on the case," he said.

But Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said that the decision should be overturned because it stripped the public of the right "to see whether ex-President Estrada is guilty or not."

He told a radio station that "if we will only rely on reports of commentators, chances are they will be reporting a portion of their own perception only."

Perez said he would study the possibility of filing a motion for the reconsideration of the court decision, which took into account the possibility that the witnesses could be swayed by live television and radio coverage.

Lawyers and militant groups also protested the ruling, agreeing with each other that it violated the right to information.

The Concerned Lawyers for Moral and Effective Leadership (Clamor) advised the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP) to also ask the high court to reconsider its ruling.

The lawyers' group said the decision could still be overturned, noting "the very close margin" in the results of the voting.

The Supreme Court ruled by eight votes to six in favor of the ban, shrugging off petitions by the justice department and the KBP seeking the live media coverage.

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HOME FREE

Who, me, arrested—or worse— dead? Former President Fidel Ramos on arrival from Kuala Lumpur on Saturday afternoon fumed over text rumors that a sting operation caught him red-handed in Switzerland and he had been arrested and detained for money laundering. Another text message said that he died in Australia and that he was coming home in a coffin.

"I could not have been arrested in Switzerland as I was in Kuala Lumpur all along," Ramos told reporters at the airport.

Also, he could not have died, he added, as he had not only read a statement prior to his departure for KL to attend the annual leadership forum sponsored by Businessweek Magazine but is back, and furious. He warned the purveyors of black propaganda that they couldn't succeed. Because "the truth can also be text."

ROGER MARGALLO

'I feel born again,' says grandma

SEOUL—"Now that I have finally made it to the South, I feel as if I'm born again. I'm so happy to be here."

So spoke Kim Chun-ok, a 68-year-old grandmother from North Korea, who shed tears of joy as she and her family of asylum-seekers arrived Saturday evening in South Korea, ending their 2 1/2-year odyssey that took them through China and then brief transit stopovers in Singapore and Manila.

Diplomats said the issue was prickly for the Philippines, which wanted to avoid angering North Korea a year after the two countries established diplomatic relations.

"We consider it as a case of transit flight that has no diplomatic indications or message at all," presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao told reporters.

An Asiana Airlines plane carry-

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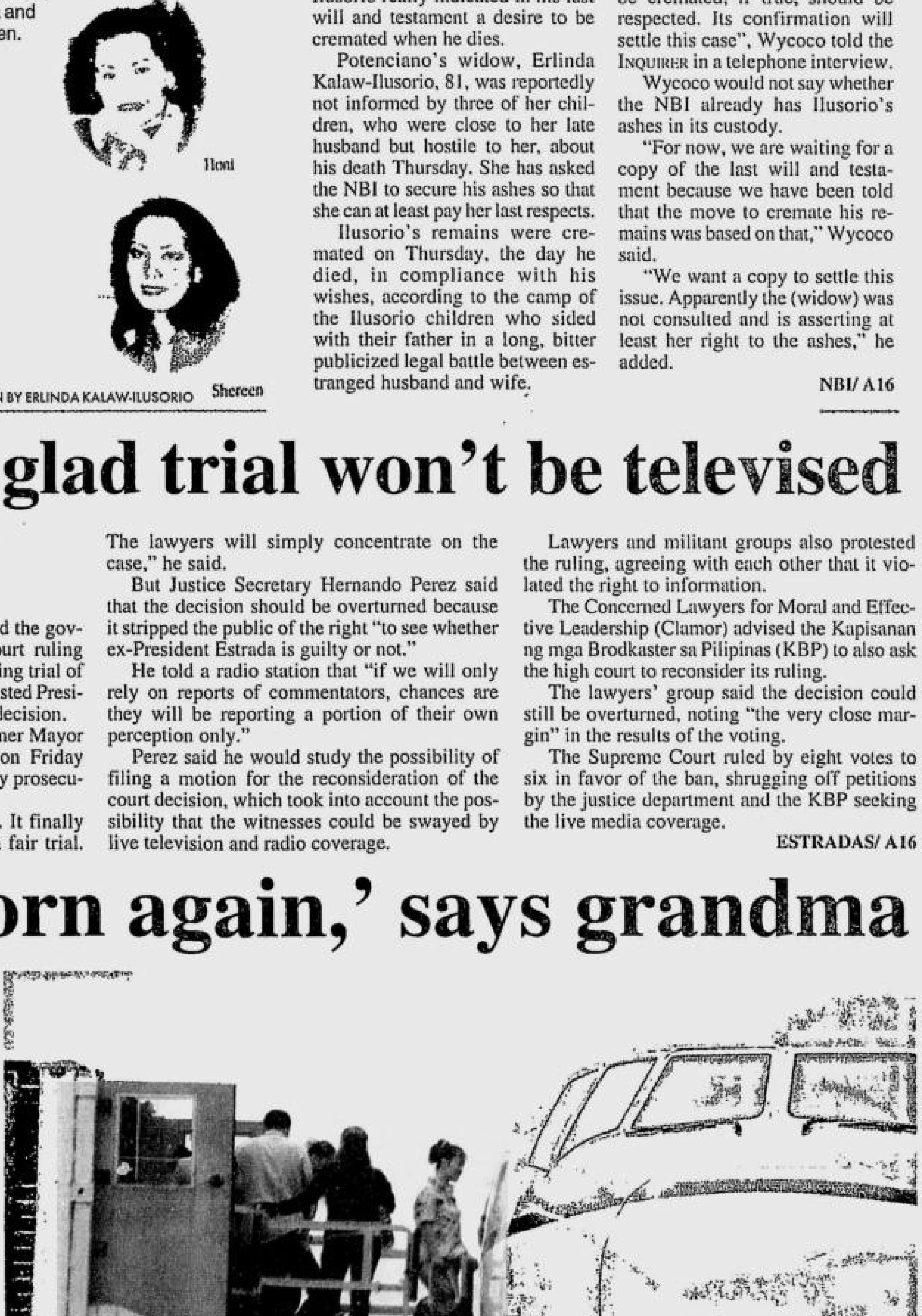

NORTH KOREAN family of 7 leaves Manila via a cargo elevator used by a food catering van to board an Asiana flight bound for South Korea and freedom. ROGER MARGALLO

MAKONSYENSYA NAMAN KAYO!

Materialism hindering pay cuts–GMA

BY JULIET L. JAVELLANA AND ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ

PRESSING her offensive against overly high-salaried government executives, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday justified her move to cut their pay before a gathering of Church workers.

"Growing materialism breeds greed," the President said in her speech before the National Congress of the Laity at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

"It may not be illegal to earn P5 million to P10 million a year but it shows materialism if we resist (a cut) when the President has already (pointed out this was) too much," said Ms Macapagal.

The President issued Memorandum Order No. 20 on June 25 ordering the rationalization of wages in government-owned and controlled corporations and financial institutions, after their officers were found to have salaries many times those of officials in the private sector and in the entire Asean region.

Own pay scales

In a study, the Department of Budget and Management found that 14 government corporations and financial institutions had set their own pay scales according to their charters. These corporations are exempt from the Salary Standardization Law.

The top executives of these institutions earn from P601,760 to P10.9 million a year in salaries and benefits. Their counterparts in the bureaucracy—say a department undersecretary—gets P630,000 a year.

"The comforts and glamour of physical or material power abets man's desire for it," the President said. "The lures of the flesh of course lurk in almost every corner, and grinding poverty, the kind that breeds ignorance, apathy and injustice, creeps on us as we speak."

The President brought her battle against the fat-salaried executives before some 6,000 laity representing various dioceses and archdioceses of the Catholic Church all over the country.

The President's speech was the highlight of the three-day congress sponsored by Catholic Action Philippines.

Change of heart

One of the highest-paid government executives, Winston Garcia, president and general manager of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), had earlier resisted Ms Macapagal's efforts to standardize salaries.

Garcia, who earns P6.5 million annually in salary and benefits, had said in Cebu City the pay of government executives could not be cut on the "mere order of the President."

It was the boards of the corporations that set the salary scales, he said.

Yesterday, he changed his tune.

In a press release from his office, Garcia said he would reimburse the government the amount of his salary that is over the cap set in the President's order.

Garcia said he has instructed his staff to compute how much he must reimburse the government to comply with Memorandum Order No. 20.

"I have no problem complying with the order of the President. At the same time, I am seeking a clarification with respect to the career executives in the GSIS because of existing civil service rules," Garcia said.

Kings and queens

He said some 150 senior GSIS career officials are affected by the order. "They have been receiving their salaries in accordance with law," he added.

The militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan yesterday challenged the President to fire top executives of government corporations who are receiving "outrageously high pay" and who refuse to have them trimmed.

"While the public sector employees and the people wallow in their low pay and are made to tighten their belts endlessly, these bureaucrats live like kings and queens. Their steep salaries must be cut down to size," Bayan chair Rafael Mariano said.

He said the highly paid government executives showed symptoms of "bureaucrat capitalism," or the systemic use of government positions to enrich themselves and claim immense privileges at the expense of the public and the services they are supposed to give.

Agreed to cuts

Addressing the Catholic faithful, President Macapagal said, "We are all united by the universal and powerful love of Jesus Christ that moves us to act for the good of our country and countrymen."

She cited one government corporation official, Land Bank president Gary Teves, who has signified his acceptance of a pay cut.

Three other officials, based on INQUIRER reports, have also signified acquiescence—Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office Chair Honeygirl de Leon, who is listed as the highest paid executive with P10.9 million in annual salary and benefits; her general manager Virgilio Angelo who gets P10.4 million, and Bangko Sentral governor Rafael Buenaventura.

The President called on all Filipinos to unite, particularly in the greatest battle "facing us in our secular work—the fight against poverty."

Senators file bills; Noli takes care of his own

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM

THE LEGISLATIVE mill was clogged yesterday as senators scrambled to file their bills, most of them recycled ones that were not taken up in the last Congress.

The five hapless staff members of the Senate bills and index section complained that it would take them until early Sunday to receive, mark and file the bills that were estimated to number almost a thousand.

Sen. Juan Flavier, who put his staff on a weeklong vigil at the index section to ensure that they would be first in line, filed a total of 173 bills. It took section personnel two-and-a-half hours to go over his bills.

Next in line was Sen. Sergio Osmeña III who filed 237 bills, the most filed by any senator.

The other senators who filed bills were Noli de Castro, with 23; Franklin Drilon, 56; Vicente Sotto III, 112; Rodolfo Biazon, 80; Aquilino Pimentel Jr., 30; Teresa Aquino-Oreta, 24; Robert Barbers, 54; Manuel Villar, 201; Ramon Magsaysay Jr., 43: Ramon Revilla, 51, and Loi Estrada, 41.

Loren Legarda was sixth in line, but her staff could not say how many bills she was filing.

Flavier's first bill imposes regulations in the labeling, sale and advertisement of cigarettes and similar products.

Flavier's staff said most of their bills had been filed in the last Congress. Villar's bills were those not taken up or approved in the House of Representatives of which he was speaker.

Estrada, former first lady and wife of deposed President Joseph Estrada, filed a bill imposing the death penalty on persons who engage in vote shaving or padding, more commonly known as *dagdag-bawas*.

Neophyte Sen. Noli de Castro, a well-known broadcaster, filed a bill to consider media members as "persons in authority."

The bill—the Media Special Protection and Additional Benefits Act of 2001—would put newsmen on a level with policemen and barangay captains, both of whom have had their share of notoriety.

Noting the role of newsmen in exposing ills in society and the risk that comes with the job, De Castro said the state owes them "special protection" for them to effectively carry out their responsibilities.

"Thus, the state should put media persons in the same category as teachers, policemen, postmasters, barangay chairmen and the like, who are similarly declared as agents of persons in authority," De Castro said in the bill's "explanatory note."

He noted that these persons are recognized as persons in authority under chapter four, sections 148-152 of the Revised Penal Code.

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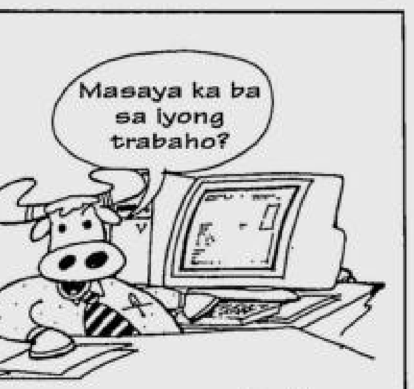
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Reyes asks NPA: Spare soldiers aiding Mayon folk

BY ROLY EMBILE AND REY NASOL
Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Defense Secretary and National Disaster Coordinating Council Chair Angelo Reyes yesterday called on the New People's Army to stop its attacks against government soldiers who are on relief mission in Albay after the eruption of Mayon Volcano.

Reyes called for a halt to rebels' planned offensives amid Armed Forces efforts to evacuate thousands of persons after the volcano erupted two more times on Friday.

Latest reports from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said fresh magma, molten rocks and underground pressure caused by the continuous heaving within Mayon continued to lift its edifice and cause portions of its slopes to swell.

The volcano's eruptions at 4:05 p.m. and 5:02 p.m. on Friday generated pyroclastic flows that swept the upper and middle slopes within Bonga Gully rushing about three kilometers from the summit in the general direction of Barangay Matanag.

These also caused the wall of the upper Basud Gully in the volcano's eastern portion to collapse.

Resident volcanologist Ed Laguerta said explosive eruptions are still possible in the following days.

He said low-lying areas are susceptible to hazardous volcanic flows because earthquakes or minor explosions can dislodge unstable lava and pyroclastic deposits from the upper slopes.

Two fronts

Laguerta warned that swift stream and lahar flows might impact these areas if heavy rains occur over the volcano.

Government resources under Task Force Mayon are on standby to respond immediately to these situations.

Col. Dante Bonifacio, task force commander, said, however, his men were now engaged in fighting on two fronts.

The first is against the armed communist insurgents who have been probing military defenses and the other is the evacuation of Mayon residents.

"They should understand that our soldiers are involved in evacuation efforts and they should not see this as an opportunity to continue with their sniping activities," Reyes said at a press briefing at the provincial capitol here.

Reyes was reacting to a report that a band of heavily armed NPA guerillas fired at soldiers assigned to Task Force Mayon in Barangay Bascaran in Guinobatan town last week, triggering a ten-minute firefight. No one was reported hurt on the government side.

Cracked

The Associated Press reported that a massive slab of Mayon's near-perfect cone cracked off and rolled down its slope Saturday as mounting magma pressure threatened villages at its base, scientists said.

Increasing volcanic quakes and rising magma slightly warped the side of Mayon, and a wall of volcanic rock splintered off, ruining the volcano's famous symmetry, said volcanologist Ed Villacorte.

Journalists at the scene could not see how badly Mayon had been disfigured, following the two eruptions on Friday, because its top was obscured by clouds and steam.

"There is a very high level of seismic activity and the threat of more eruptions," Villacorte said.

The eruptions on Friday were small compared to the volcano's massive eruption on June 24, but they still blasted clouds of ash two kilometers into the air.

Bonifacio said the latest NPA attack might have been in retaliation for the killing by government troops of Maria Racela Miranda, a top communist cadre in the Bicol region in an encounter two weeks ago in Barangay Bolulo in Guinobatan town.

Two Army soldiers were killed in the encounter.

Bonifacio said the AFP has since committed more men and vehicles to Task Force Mayon following renewed unrest by the volcano.

Tens of thousands more evacuees from the eight-kilometer extended danger zone in the volcano's southeast quadrant made a dash for safety.

As of yesterday, over 46,000 persons were packed into 35 evacuation centers here, in Tabaco City and Ligao City and the towns of Guinobatan, Daraga, Santo Domingo and Camalig.

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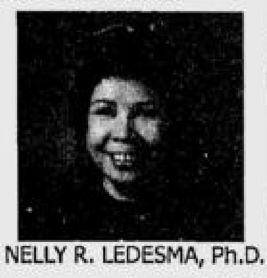
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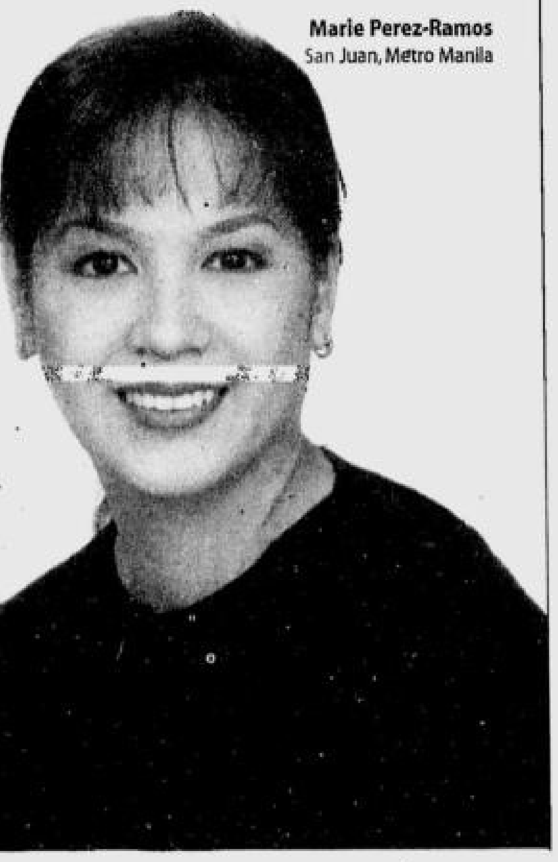

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Comelec modernization projects dropped

By Norman Bordadora

COMELEC chair Alfredo Benipayo has cut the proposed election modernization budget from over P8 billion to P3.4 billion and dropped the voters registration and identification system and automated counting and consolidation of returns system from the program.

This was disclosed yesterday by Commissioner Rex Borra who said Benipayo made the decision before he left for Sweden to attend two seminars last week.

The VRIS and ACCORS, two of the Commission on Election's modernization components proposed by Commissioner Luz Tancangco, were dropped from the program for allegedly being too costly and unnecessary.

"The chairman has decided to focus the Comelec's energies on the full automation of the presidential elections in 2004. He has decided to leave out components that are too costly and are at the same time unnecessary," Borra said.

Tancangco was not available for comment yesterday.

As this developed, big business and civil society groups signed yesterday a manifesto expressing support for Benipayo and the Comelec's drive to implement automated presidential elections nationwide in 2004.

The manifesto's signatories were closely identified with the National Movement for Free Elections. Namfrel is leading efforts to impeach Tancangco for allegedly causing the Comelec to violate the Election Modernization Act, or the law calling for automated polls.

"In the re-engineering of the modernization program presented by Benipayo to the Department of Budget and Management, there was no mention of the VRIS and ACCORS. So where will we get the budget to implement them?" Borra asked.

Borra said P4.4 million of Benipayo's proposed budget would go to cleansing voters' list, consolidating the new registration lists, purchasing counting machines, and networking.

Benipayo's proposal for modernization in time for the next presidential elections includes the construction of a new building with information technology features, a new list of voters and automating the presidential elections itself.

Borra said Tancangco's VRIS project had not taken off since former Comelec chair Harriet Demetriou nullified the contract with Photokina.

The contract was reportedly nullified because the budget for the VRIS project was only P1.2 billion while Photokina was charging P1.9 billion.

"The budget for VRIS was actually P6.5 billion over several years. The P1.9 billion was actually a down payment," said businessman Guillermo Luz of the Namfrel.

Braganza dares fresh law grads

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza has challenged law graduates who recently passed the bar exams to give his department's "Barefoot Lawyers" program a try before accepting more lucrative offers from private law firms.

Braganza aired the dare after he was informed that the Department of Agrarian Reform was having difficulty in recruiting lawyers because of the low salary being offered for positions in the legal department.

"Definitely we cannot match the offer being made by law firms," he said. "But we can assure them that working with the farmers is an experience they won't regret."

The DAR needs to recruit 50 lawyers who will form the initial core of the DAR's Barefoot Program.

Braganza said the lawyers would help the department resolve pending agrarian cases and represent the farmers in litigation cases.

"If we can get this initial batch of 50 lawyers, we are hopeful the DAR will be able to resolve all its pending agrarian reform cases in one and a half years," he said.

DAR records show there are 16,000 agrarian cases pending before the department, 13,000 of them filed in the different regions of the country while 3,000 cases are with the central office in Quezon City.

Braganza noted that due to the limited number of lawyers in the department, DAR adjudicators have had to work overtime.

As a result, he said, the DAR Adjudication Board and its regional and provincial adjudicators were able to resolve 2,503 cases in three months. The cases pertained to land valuation, fixing of lease rentals, ejectment and reinstatement.

The department, he added, was also able to resolve 4,766 administrative cases pertaining to retention, conversion, disqualification of potential agrarian reform beneficiaries and abandonment of land holdings by farmer-beneficiaries.

"We could have done more had we been able to recruit more lawyers," Braganza said.

Braganza said those interested in applying to the Barefoot Lawyers program should be willing to be assigned to far-flung areas and should have the passion to help the farmers.

He said these lawyers would receive a "reasonable" allowance. *Cynthia D. Balana*

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Kalaw is founder of the Haribon Foundation, which drew attention to the extinction threat on the monkey-eating, or Philippine, eagle. He was also an organizer of Green Forum, the Philippine Institute for Alternative Futures, the National Council for Sustainable Development and the Caliraya Foundation on Consciousness and Environment.

His projects included the "Save Palawan Campaign" which successfully pushed for a logging ban on the island.

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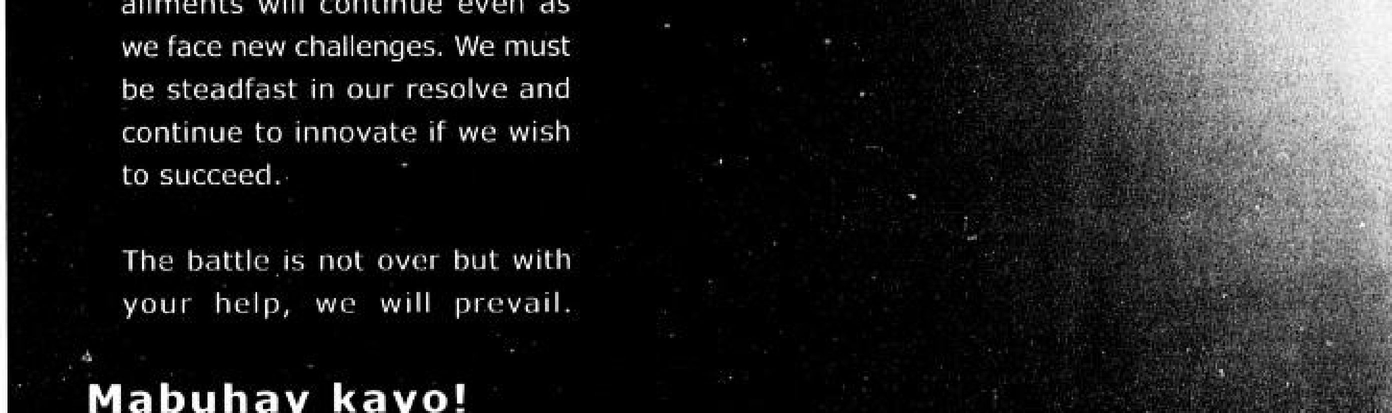

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Unmask plotters, civil groups urge Gloria

E-JUST, a group of lawyers, and the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption yesterday urged Malacañang to unmask and prosecute those behind a supposed destabilization plot disclosed by an ex-agent of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force.

The two groups expressed concern that the supposed plotters had included in their kidnapping "hit list" former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson and bank executive Clarissa Ocampo, both vital witnesses in the plunder case against ousted President Joseph Estrada.

In a joint statement, the two groups said: "Have these people become so desperate that they will use all means . . . to (stop) the vigilant crusade against corruption and crime committed by powerful public officials?

"What they cannot achieve by dilatory tactics, they will do by resorting to extrajudicial and underhanded means. And worse are the allegations that the kidnapping spree is meant not only to embarrass the government but also to raise needed funds for the looters' continuing operations."

The ex-agent, who goes by the alias "Ador," recently claimed that the planned kidnappings of personalities in the public and private sectors were part of a larger destabilization plot hatched by Sen. Panfilo Lacson and his men at the defunct PAOCTF. Lacson has since denied this.

"We ask the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo to unmask these alleged plotters and file appropriate charges against them," the two groups said.

At yesterday's Kapihan sa Sulo forum in Quezon City, Land Transportation Office chief Edgardo Abenina said "there seems to be (an ongoing destabilization plot)."

"That is what we can feel right now," said Abenina, a former leader of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa, which mounted coup attempts against the Aquino administration in the 1980s.

"We cannot identify our sources. We have our channels. One of the sources is our contact in the military and police," he said.

Abenina also said that in his opinion, certain personalities "feel they should be rewarded and recognized for what they did in Edsa II."

He was referring to the people power movement that ousted Estrada and installed Ms Macapagal as President. *Jerome Aning and Alcuin Papa*

Rebels kill Sorsogon deputy police chief

By Rey Nasol

PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Armed men believed to be communist rebels yesterday morning shot and killed the deputy police chief of Sorsogon in front of his wife and daughter-in-law.

Supt. William L. Garan, newly installed deputy director of the Philippine National Police office in Sorsogon, was gunned down around 10 a.m. in Barangay Macalaya, Castilla.

Chief Supt. Robert Delfin, Bicol police director, said Garan, his wife and daughter-in-law were on their way home when seven armed men in combat fatigues flagged down their Isuzu Fuego pickup truck down in Sitio Masilay.

Delfin said the gunmen believed to be members of the New People's Army asked Garan to turn over his sidearm.

When the police officer refused, one of the gunmen shot him in the head, Delfin said.

Garan died on his way to the hospital.

Delfin said he had ordered a hunt for Garan's killers.

Sorsogon has been the scene of unprecedented violence during the last elections.

Earlier, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes asked the NPA to spare government troops helping residents displaced by Mt. Mayon's eruption in Albay. *(See story on Page A3)*

43 hurt in 2 bus accidents

LEGAZPI CITY—One bus driver was reportedly reading a newspaper; another failed to see an oncoming train.

The result: 43 people were injured in two separate vehicular accidents in Laguna and Camarines Sur on Friday.

In the Laguna accident, a JAM Transit driver nearly got himself killed, together with his 12 passengers, when he lost control of the bus at about 11 a.m.

Fred Villar, Philippine National Construction Corporation security officer, said the bus skidded and turned turtle in the middle of the South Luzon Expressway near Cabuyao, Laguna.

Villar said a passenger complained that the driver was reading a newspaper when he realized too late that the bus was heading for the island in the middle of the expressway.

The driver and passengers, who all suffered cuts and bruises, were rushed to the nearby St. Mark Hospital.

The accident, however, snarled traffic up to Mamplasan for two hours.

Later in the evening, about 30 passengers were injured when their air-conditioned bus collided with a speeding Manila-bound train in Barangay Paloyon, Nabua, Camarines Sur.

The driver reportedly didn't notice the train.

Chief Supt. Robert Delfin, Bicol police director, said the victims were taken to the Our Lady of Peñafrancia Pediatric Hospital in Iriga City, Bicol Medical Center in Naga City, and hospitals in Ligao City and Polangui town. *Roly Embile and Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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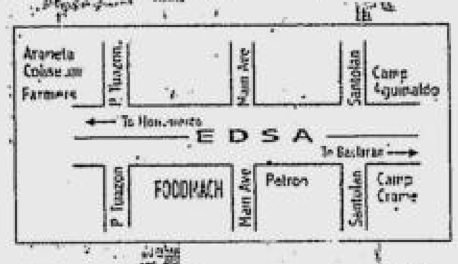

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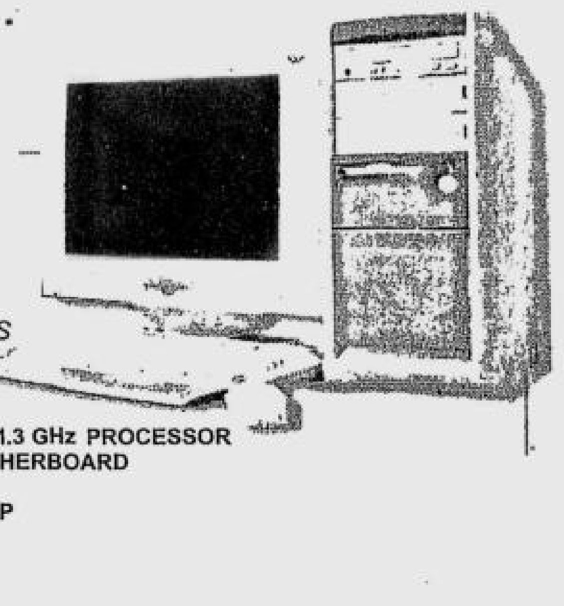

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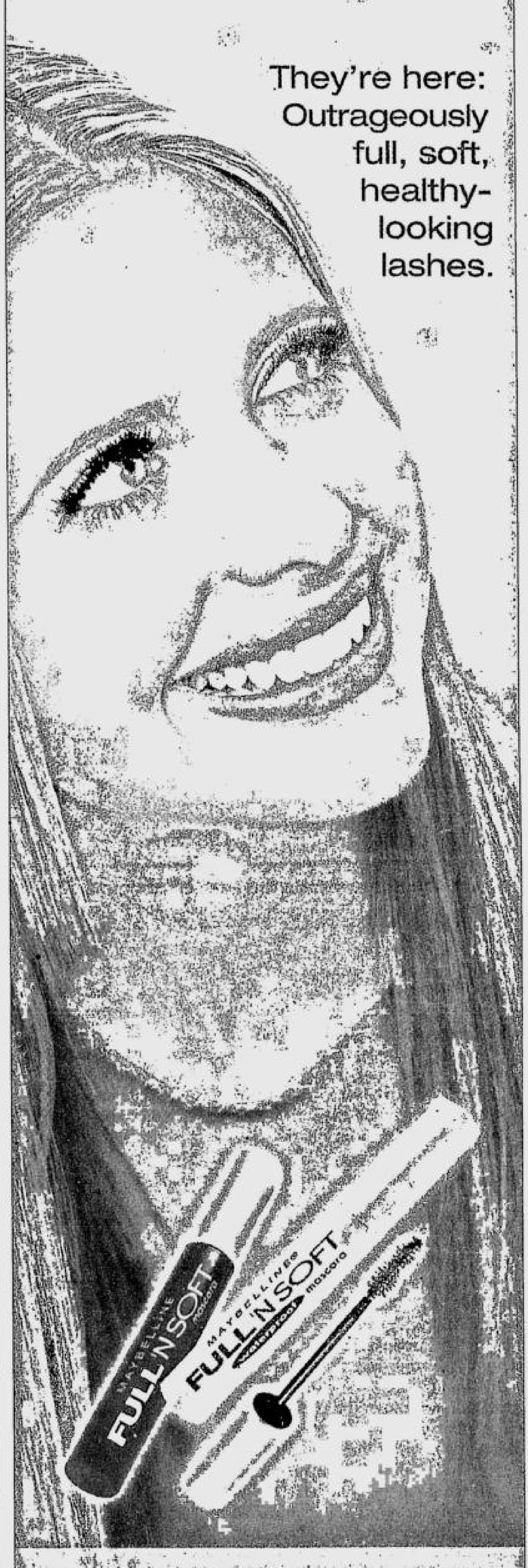

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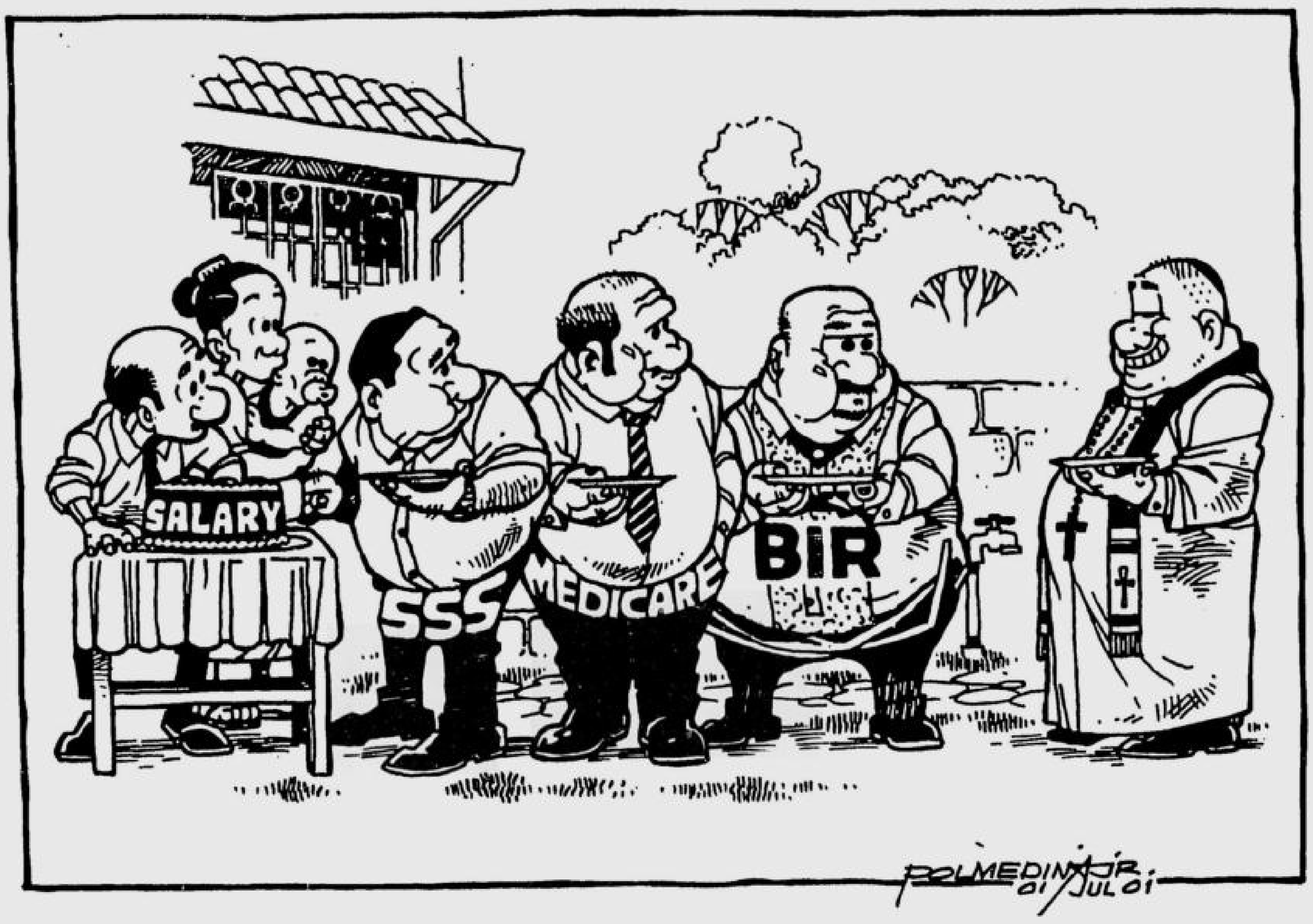

Pretenders

EDITORIALS

THE NEW Congress is set to start its work, but party-list representatives have yet to be proclaimed by the Commission on Elections. It is true the delay was first caused by some party-list election winners like Akbayan and Bayan Muna questioning other winners with a dubious claim to party-list status. But since the Supreme Court has already issued a ruling basically limiting the party-list system to so-called marginalized and under-represented sectors, there's no more reason for the delay. The Comelec should forthwith do the weeding out.

It is appalling for one that the Comelec allowed party-list pretenders to run in the first place. It could have defined the limits of the party-list system before the May 14 elections to put some sanity in the process. But it did not. So the party-list election was prostituted when just about any group with the remotest connection to participatory democracy was allowed to run.

As envisioned in the Constitution, the party-list system is supposed to correct the domination of the elite in our flawed democracy. The party list is supposed to ensure that sectors that do not have the economic muscle and political clout of the establishment can gain entry to Congress and have a voice in important legislation. Thus, the Constitution mandates that 20 percent of the seats in the House of Representatives be set aside for party-list representatives who will speak for "the marginalized and under-represented."

In the 1998 elections, the party-list system allowed the entry of a number of cause-motivated groups like Akbayan that provided an activist flavor to the rather humdrum legislative agenda of the last session. Many of these representatives admirably took ruggedly independent positions from the majority that was always eager to please the power holder in Malacañang. When Joseph Estrada's illegal gambling connections and other depredations were exposed, the party-list representatives formed an outnumbered but nevertheless powerful campaign together with the minority to impeach the President.

That activist tenor threatens to be undermined now that the party-list system has been adulterated. Various groups, some of them funded by government grants, like the Movement against Drugs (MAD), and even old-politics stalwarts like the Nationalist People's Coalition, have won seats in Congress through the system. These groups are veritable power players and members of the dominant elite. Why they should be given additional representation through the party-list election is something that defies explanation.

It is quite obvious that traditional groups have exploited the system in order to enter mainstream politics and maintain their influence. In short, the system has been transformed into another instrument of elite politics. Its cynical use by politicians has made a mockery of the constitutional spirit.

Wreckers

IT is the task of the Comelec, now armed with a clear Supreme Court ruling, to restore the pristine intention of the Constitution. It should bar the proclamation of party-list pretenders and proclaim immediately the true party-list winners like those from Bayan Muna and Akbayan.

But the Comelec seems not ready to do its job. It is mired in petty bickering and even a power struggle owing to the contending faiths of its commissioners, whose appointments, it seems, owe more to base politics rather than personal and professional qualification, much less to any sense of propriety, decorum and public service. It is notable that the commissioners disregarded Comelec Chair Alfredo Benipayo's appointment of Commissioner Resurreccion Borra as officer in charge in his absence.

Benipayo, the former Supreme Court administrator, is the newest member of the commission, and he came at a time of intense political divisions not only for the Comelec, but for the country as well. The divisions are such that Comelec members would arrogate unto themselves administrative powers that normally are the province of the chair. Benipayo must cut short his Scandinavian mission, reassert his authority and restore order in the commission.

Clearly, the Comelec has become a mirror of the confusion plaguing the party-list system. It has also become an echo of the anti-democratic forces that are heaping scorn on our democracy. Can the Constitution provide an instrument to rectify what has become a most unconstitutional commission?

Selective contempt

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

A RECENT resolution of the Supreme Court reprimanded Rina Jimenez-David, my neighbor on the opposite page, for some comments she had made in her column regarding a pending case. The Court also warned her that "a repetition of similar misconduct (would) be dealt with more severely." The vote was unanimous.

With all due respect, I must say that her reprimand violates "the instrument and the guaranty and the bright consummate flower of all liberty" that is the bedrock of our Republic. I know Rina does not need others to defend her because she is quite capable of doing this herself. I can't resist making these observations, however, because I share her passion for transparency in government and the integrity of the Bill of Rights.

The conduct of public officials is subject to public comment and criticism. That is the way to make them sensitive to public opinion on their acts in and even out of the government. If such officials were protected from public scrutiny—as some privileged figures were during the Marcos regime—there would be no checks against the enormous abuses they are certain to commit. Freedom of expression is the deterrent.

Justice Malcolm explained it more eloquently when he said in the famous case of United States v. Bustos, 37 Phil. 731, decided as early as March 8, 1918, and still valid to date.

"The interest of society and the maintenance of good government demand a full discussion of public affairs. Complete liberty to comment on the conduct of public men is a scalpel in the case of free speech. The sharp incision of its probe relieves the abscesses of officialdom. Men in public life may suffer under a hostile and unjust accusation, the wound may be assuaged by the balm of a clear conscience. A public official must not be too thin-skinned with reference to comment upon his official acts."

The admonition of that case—perhaps "command" is the better term—clearly applies to all government officials. The abscesses of officialdom may fester in all departments and offices of the government, including the judiciary. In suggesting that a public official must not be too thin-skinned when criticized for his official acts, the Supreme Court then was addressing all public functionaries high and low.

It is not uncommon now for a private citizen or, more frequently a journalist, to attack the President of the Philippines or a Cabinet member regarding his public and private conduct. Members of Congress are exposed to similar castigation, which may often take the form of vilification or ridicule. The language is not always deferential in keeping with the status of the official but not necessarily disrespectful. The effect is, intentionally or not, to discredit the official.

The comment may, indeed, sometimes border on the libelous, resulting in the filing of the corresponding charges. More often than not, however, these are dismissed by the lenient court on the strength of the Bustos doctrine. We may still recall President Corazon Aquino's criminal complaint against the late Louie Beltran, who wrote that she hid under her bed during one of the coup attempts against her government. The Court held he was speaking figuratively; the president, for all her prestige and power, lost.

In most other cases, the "victim" simply grins through gritted teeth, remembering wisely that public criticism is an occupational hazard of public office. Every seasoned politician bears the scars of scurrilous denunciations that they have simply let pass like water off a duck's back. Freedom of expression is highly cherished in this country and is often a formidable roadblock to any prosecution for defamation.

Curiously, though, tolerance is not a virtue of judges, and especially justices, who are not disposed to suffer in silence for slights upon their ego. The Supreme Court has adopted a special rule for their own protection and benefit. As the subject resolution states, publications are considered contemptuous where, first, the object is to affect the decision in a pending case or, second, the purpose is to bring courts into discredit. Rina's articles, it held, offended on both counts.

Conformably to the case of People v. Alarcon, 69 Phil. 265, the rule would suppress public comment on a pending case because of its possible effect on the decision of the courts, including the Supreme Court. This ground is equally untenable. It appears to me as an admission of judicial weakness, with the justices saying in effect, "Keep quiet because you may influence us." They are actually confessing their susceptibility to extraneous opinions when they should be guided only by the facts and the law as the Court—and the Court alone—sees them.

Many of us have publicly sought to influence the official action of the President of the Philippines or to question presidential policies and errors. We have been as reckless not only in trying to exert pressure on the legislature on pending bills but also in attacking the shortcomings and motives of its members. By such temerity, we have interfered with and sometimes disparaged the political departments of the Republic. Yet, despite our insolence, we have been commended rather than condemned for our courage in exercising our freedom of expression.

It is noteworthy, though, that where the public comment is made on judicial action and even if it tends (only) to discredit the courts, the liberality disappears. This is especially true of the Supreme Court. The criticism, even if done respectfully, must face a sterner test and, as in the David case, subject the contemner to a sharp rebuke, if not worse.

I keep wondering why the citizenry is allowed to undermine popular confidence in Malacañang and Congress but not in the Supreme Court and the lower courts. We seem to have a selective freedom of expression that will lay open the political departments to public censure and even disdain but not the sacrosanct but imperfect Supreme Court in its inviolate aerie.

Tenacity

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I WOULD like to share with you an e-mail I received from Fr. John O'Mahony, SVD, my confrere, neighbor, friend and co-worker in the Mission Office. "Shake it off and step up" is a modern-day parable which will help us understand today's Gospel about discipleship and resoluteness in following the Lord (Lk. 9, 51-62).

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The parable is about an old mule that fell on a deep dry well. It was impossible to lift it up, so the farmer decided to bury it right there and then. Calling on his neighbors, they started filing up the well with soil and dirt. At first the mule became hysterical, but soon, it discovered that each time they would throw a shovel full of dirt on its back, he could shake it off, and step up. Exhausted and dirty, the mule finally stepped over the top of the well and walked through the crowd, because he knew how to shake it off and step up. End of parable.

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The article continues with a reflection that we too should learn to shake off the things that could bury us. Too often, we hold on to what has happened to us for a week, a month and even years! Failures, hurts, bitterness, anger, resentments, disappointments will eat us up if we continue to chew them over and over. To get going with life, we must learn to shake off the entire dirt that fall on our backs, and emerge stronger than ever.

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Anyone who wishes to follow Christ must learn to let go of the past, live in the present, and let God take care of the future. Nothing and no one should keep us from our resolve to follow him. As Jesus was resolutely determined to go to Jerusalem, we who want to follow Him must also stay focused on Him and Him alone. We must not be burdened by the past. We must accept it all with God's mercy and forgiveness. Neither must we be paralyzed by concerns about the future, for surely, God will take care of us. Trust. Live fully the present in love, and leave the past and the future in God's hands.

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The evil one is an expert in covert operations and distractions. He knows the human heart and its weakness when it comes to attachments to material possessions, relationships and personal concerns. What is it that is keeping you from following your God? Is it your possessions and desire for earthly comforts? Is it your family or relationships that you cannot let go of? Is it your problems or your guilt, or your sickness that is keeping you so preoccupied with yourself so much that you forget that God is in control?

Old and often stupid mules as we are, we often fall on these wells of the evil one. The remedy? Focus on the Lord, shake it off, and step up, emerge stronger and get going!

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There are people who shove dirt on us as we go on with our lives. Out of anger, out of envy perhaps, they want to bury us with their criticisms, accusations and lies. We must not allow them to bury us or prevent us from our vision and mission.

There are also situations and obstacles that get in the way. Let them not become walls but stepping-stones to our final destination. But finally, we must be aware and accept that our greatest enemy is within. We must let go of our negative and self-defeating attitudes, values and habits that drag us and pull us down.

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Remember the story of the rich man and the poor man who were shipwrecked together? The poor man survived because his hands were free, while the rich man drowned because he held on and would not let go of his bag full of money and jewelry. We must learn to travel light and travel free, otherwise we will have a heavy journey or, worse, we may not reach our destination at all.

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How is your heart? The heart of a disciple must be light and free. A disciple with a heavy heart, an imprisoned heart cannot be effective in his mission and ministry. Do you have an enlarged heart, so full of yourself and your concerns with no room for the Lord? Do you have a blockage in your heart, so filled with garbage and trash of yesteryears? Shake it off, and step up, so that you will be free to serve the Lord and His people.

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It is my fervent prayer that as a country and as a people we will learn to shake off all the dirt thrown at us and rise above these, and get going. We are being left behind because we are allowing our problems to get the better part of us. We must show the world and ourselves the resilient and resolute stuff we Filipinos are made of. In a special way, let us pray for our President that nothing and no one will ever drag her down, and her task of nation-building and healing.

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We would like to pay tribute to Fr. John O'Mahony and all the missionaries who have come to our shores. By their resiliency and tenacity for the sake of the Kingdom, they have proven to be true missionaries and disciples all. We pay tribute, too, to our Filipino missionaries who now do the same in foreign shores.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, cut us loose, set us free from all that drag us down and prevent us from rising up to serve You and Your people. Amen.

Time for bold decisions

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

A SENSE of pessimism is slowly creeping into the daily conversations of businessmen. The economy remains very weak and shows no signs of recovering. Businessmen who survived the Estrada years, and who expected a turnaround after Estrada's fall, are still suffering, many even more severely. With no bright spots in the horizon and with debts piling up, many businessmen are about to throw in the towel.

Even among professionals, a sense of despair is palpable. A nation with a highly educated elite cannot seem to get its act together. Problems that plagued the nation in the last five decades remain with us today, and in far graver conditions. Despite our deep reservoir of talented individuals, collectively as a nation we are still known as the sick man of Asia.

Corruption in the country is as rampant as ever. Smuggling continues unabated. Peace with insurgents remains elusive. Heinous crimes abound. Organized crime syndicates, like kidnap for ransom gangs, have ties with present and former police officers. New and more deadly crimes, like the illegal trade in drugs, threaten the moral foundation of the nation.

There are no innovative measures being undertaken to counter these negative conditions. There are no new initiatives to stimulate the economy. There are no new ideas or visions to lift the spirit of the people and give them hope to persevere despite all the odds. The situation calls for swift and decisive actions, but the government seems to be settling into a bureaucratic, business-as-usual mode of governance.

The administration must now make bold decisions to pre-empt this sense of pessimism and despair from taking hold and crippling our national will to develop and catch up with our progressive neighbors. We cannot and must not accept being derisively called the sick man of Asia forever. We cannot keep on sending our children to foreign lands to find employment. A state that cannot provide for its own people does not deserve to exist.

There is a wealth of bold ideas and innovative measures waiting to be tapped to counter criminality, attract investments, provide livelihood to insurgents and stimulate the economy. The administration has no choice but to experiment with these ideas and measures. To continue applying the same old and well-worn formulas, which have only produced failures, will only end up with the same results.

The burden of fighting criminality must be placed directly where it belongs: on the police hierarchy. A station commander must be automatically relieved from his post if two kidnappings take place in his area. A city or provincial police chief must be sacked if four kidnappings happen in his area. A regional police director must be replaced if six kidnappings occur in his area. And the PNP chief must be fired if the national kidnapping tally reaches 12.

To modernize our infrastructure, we should welcome with open arms BOT contracts. We cannot afford to wait for tax collections to improve before we spend for our infrastructure. We cannot also rely on foreign loans to finance our infrastructure because it will only add to our already crushing debt service burden. It is estimated that if we continue with our present infrastructure spending, relying solely on foreign loans and tax collections, by 2008 the Philippines will fall behind Malaysia by 70 years, and Thailand by 20 years, in infrastructure development.

BOT contracts are privately funded but their proponents require a performance undertaking from the government. Private banks will not provide financing to the proponent without this undertaking. A performance undertaking merely means that the national government guarantees the payment by a government agency for actual services rendered by the proponent to that agency. A performance guarantee is not a guarantee on the proponents' loans with banks.

The Department of Finance is against the issuance of a performance undertaking because it allegedly increases the national government's contingent liability. It actually does not. Under a performance undertaking involving a national agency, both the debtor and the guarantor are one and the same: the national government. When the Department of Transportation and Communication or the Department of Public Works and Highways enters into a BOT contract, the national government becomes liable to pay for actual services rendered by the proponent even without a performance undertaking. The issuance of a performance undertaking will not add to the national government's liability, contingent or otherwise.

To provide livelihood to Muslims in Basilan and Sulo, the President can declare these islands tax-free economic zones. Under the charter of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, the President has the power to declare by executive order any area in the country a tax-free economic zone. The Yakans and Tausugs of Basilan and Sulo have traditionally been barter traders, bringing consumers goods from Sabah to Mindanao. Our customs laws put an end to their livelihood, and they ended up as rebels, pirates or kidnappers.

With Basilan and Sulo as economic zones, the Yakans and Tausugs can return to their barter trading days. The revenue loss arising from the leakage of bartered goods to other areas of Mindanao will be much less than the cost of waging a war on these people. With livelihood opportunities available to them, the Yakans, Tausugs and other Muslims will gradually abandon the harsh and hunted life of being rebels, pirates or kidnappers.

To stimulate the rural economy, Congress can amend the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law to make agricultural land an acceptable collateral for bank loans. At present, private banks do not lend to farmers because agricultural land, even if used as collateral, cannot be freely auctioned off if there is a loan default. Private banks cannot be expected to risk the money of their depositors in unsecured loans.

Congress can even allow investors to own more than five hectares of agricultural land provided they employ a certain number of farmworkers per hectare over a period of time, say, two workers for every hectare of land for five years. If this window of opportunity is limited to those investing within the next two years, there will be a surge of investment and employment in the countryside. This will unleash the latent entrepreneurial spirit and resources of the middle and upper classes in our society.

Time is running out on this administration. Like it or not, the people have high expectations of this administration simply because the administration it replaced was terribly corrupt and incompetent. Any successor administration must inherently be immensely better than the previous one. In a month or two, the gathering cloud of pessimism and despair looming above the horizon can turn into a raging political storm.

A sister's passing

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WE know her as Lyn-lyn, one of the younger batch of rambunctious females known as the sisterhood of Pilipina, our women's group. At the time of her death, though she was based in Indonesia doing consultancy work on a gender program for Unesco, she was still the chair for the National Capital Region of Pilipina, a position for which she never aspired and, in fact, had to be arm-twisted into accepting.

I must confess that I did not know her all that well, personally. But the little that I knew of her, I liked. I liked her quiet presence in our usually boisterous meetings and gatherings. I liked the fact that when she did speak, it was with firmness, insight and always directed at getting our wandering talk back into the right direction. I liked her presence whenever it was needed, for she was one of the most reliable of our Pilipina NCR members, always there to lend her presence to an activity, and her thoughts when time came to plan, reflect and analyze.

Lyn-lyn was, it turns out, a "daughter" of home-grown feminism, a gender advocate who came upon it by way of life experience, exposure to community problems and discussions with other women asking the same questions. She was really a daughter of Pilipina.

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AS a student at the Ateneo, Lyn-lyn became a volunteer with the Office of Social Concerns, an outreach activity established by the university in the late 1970s as a response to the socio-political upheavals churned by martial law.

After graduating in 1986, part of the graduating class forged in the fires of Edsa I and the anti-dictatorship protests, Lyn-lyn chose to go into development work full-time. She joined the Social Development Index, a pioneering NGO that sought to provide a support system for development workers while advocating "alternative" lifestyles among both middle-class and economically disadvantaged families. It was in Index where Lyn-lyn got her first exposure to feminism and to Pilipina, through Ging Quintos-Deles, then head of Index and chair of Pilipina, who was in fact our lead formator in a series of "consciousness-raising sessions" (how quaint that word sounds today!) that shaped our feminism.

As head of Index's family program, Lyn-lyn chose to live in Ideal, an urban poor community in Quezon City. This was where she worked, developing a grass-roots oriented training program on early childhood education and non-sexist child rearing. Her good friend Beth Yang shares the story that when Lyn-lyn's mother visited her daughter in Ideal and saw the shanty where Lyn-lyn was boarding, she broke down and cried.

It was also during her years with Index that Lyn-lyn married Rald Lampauog, whom she met in her days with the OSC. They have two children, Alethia and Gradiel.

Lyn-lyn left Ideal shortly afterwards and worked with two social development networks: Philssa (Partnership of Philippine Support Services), as one of its pioneering staff; and Phildhrra (Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas), as head of its gender program. She went into freelance consultancy afterwards, most notably with Capwip (Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics). Some time last year, she accepted an offer to work as consultant in Unesco's gender program, traveling throughout the Asia-Pacific region to gather data on women's participation in science and technology.

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THOUGH the UN posting meant being away from Rald and the children, Lyn-lyn jumped at the chance, not only because it paid generously, but also because, as Rald told us, "she found the work truly rewarding and enriching."

About a week ago, Lyn-lyn called Rald and complained of feeling feverish and weak. She had undergone tests at a hospital in Jakarta, she said, but doctors found nothing wrong. When Rald called again, Lyn-lyn said the fever was still there, but when Rald asked if she shouldn't check into a hospital, Lyn-lyn resisted. The next time Lyn-lyn called, it was to tell him that she had finally decided to go to the hospital.

Rald used a round-trip ticket that Lyn-lyn had given him during a family visit about a month earlier to fly to Jakarta and check on his wife. When he got to the hospital, he found her room empty. Lyn-lyn had been rushed to the ICU, and when he got there, he found doctors performing CPR on her. Lyn-lyn was declared dead shortly after. She was just 36.

Lyn-lyn Matammu Lampauog, our dear sister and friend in Pilipina, now lies at the chapel of the Loyola House of Studies. As I write this, we her friends in Pilipina, other women's organizations and social development agencies are working on a proper tribute to her. Final rites will be tomorrow, Monday, July 2.

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KABABAIHAN Laban sa Karahasan (Kalakasan), the country's first national initiative against domestic violence, celebrated yesterday its 10th year of espousing the safety and dignity of women and children. Since its founding in 1991, the organization has led in the establishment of the first Violence Against Women-Students' Desk and the Policewomen's Desk in stations of the Philippine National Police, and in the use of mass media to push for preventive education against all forms of gender-based violence.

Yesterday's celebration at the Virgin Café in Quezon City begins a year-long series of activities under the "Artists and Advocates" partnership against gender-based violence. Performers at the Kalakasan anniversary rites were well-known singer Cynthia Ayala Alexander, the Makiling Ensemble and ballet artist Myra Beltran (NCCA Gawad Alab ng Haraya awardee this year who will present a unique collaboration of choreographer Nonoy Froilan and video artist Carlos Siguion Reyna). The group will also honor the "Gabay ng KALAKASAN Awardees" who helped the organization push domestic violence to the forefront of women's issues. Congratulations to the awardees and to all the men and women of Kalakasan!

Our scale of values

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE OTHER day, my youngest daughter, who finished college two years ago, offered to buy my old car so that, she said, I could get myself a new one. It was a chance for me to ask how much her monthly pay was. She assured me it was more than enough.

I found out that, in fact, she earns more than what I do after 34 years of teaching. I was happy for her, but I also felt sorry not so much for myself as for my younger colleagues in the university who are just starting to raise families.

One of them is her own brother, our eldest, who, at 30, is an instructor at the University of the Philippines. He is on study leave, but next year, after five years of grueling graduate work, he will come home hopefully with a doctorate. The university will promote him one full rank as a reward, but financially this will offer him little consolation. As an assistant professor, he will earn a little less than P20,000 a month, which is much less than the stipend he is getting as a graduate student. He knows that at this level of income he won't be able to support a family, rent an apartment, or buy a car even on installment. He loves teaching and will likely stay in UP for the rest of his life, but like many of his generation who have opted for academic careers, he worries about the future.

I do not recall that things were this bad when my wife and I were just starting out as instructors in UP. We rented a modest apartment just outside the campus for P200 a month. We bought a used car for P5,000 and we could afford a *yaya* for our son. Our finances were tight, but with both of us working, we could buy books, go to the movies and even occasionally eat out.

A few years before our time, UP professors were given the chance to acquire homelots near the university, which they amortized over a 10-year period. This was no longer available when we joined the faculty.

But even so, salaries in UP were comparable then with those at the Ateneo and De La Salle. This state of affairs came to an end with the Salary Standardization Law (SSL). The law prescribed a uniform salary scale for all government employees, effectively eroding the special status of UP as the premier state university. We could not complain without antagonizing our colleagues in the other state universities. The principle of equality of compensation for comparable work is enshrined in Article IX-B, Sec. 5 of the 1987 Constitution.

That provision states: "The Congress shall provide for the standardization of compensation of government officials and employees, including those in government-owned and controlled corporations with original charters, taking into account the nature of the responsibilities pertaining to, and the qualification required for their positions." UP is a chartered university with a position classification system that had evolved over the years, but we could not invoke this to exclude ourselves from the effects of the SSL.

But some GOCCs that were not dependent on the government budget got Congress to pass laws exempting them from the SSL—in violation of the Constitution. When I became UP faculty regent in 1999, I voiced the alarm of the faculty that we were losing more Ph.D.s than we were gaining every year. The main issue was compensation. After reimbursing the university for the fellowships they enjoyed, many move to the corporate world or transfer to other schools that could pay them decent salaries. The DBM people understand what is happening, but there is no way they can exempt UP from the SSL. Freedom from the SSL is possible only if UP becomes financially independent. That is not going to happen in the foreseeable future.

I can therefore appreciate the argument of those who believe that the compensation for top executives of government corporations should be comparable to those in the private sector. Government service need not be a job for selfless missionaries, although one wishes a young nation like ours were blessed with such heroes. The government has to compete with the private sector and with the rest of the world to keep its best brains. And that means being able to pay competitive rates.

But, having said this, I now ask: By what morality or concept of management do some government executives justify the kind of salaries and benefits they pay themselves? The salary of the President of the Republic is only P666,000 per year. Why does the president of the Government Service Insurance System get P4.3 million? The Vice President of the Philippines receives P528,000 per year. By what logic does the GSIS executive vice president deserve a basic annual pay of P3.6 million?

I don't think the president of UP gets more than P500,000 in salary and benefits per year. But the chair and the general manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office do. The chair gets an annual basic pay of P440,000, per diem of P156,000, bonus of P230,718, RATA of P198,960, and a fabulous "discretionary allowance" of P4,755,287. The GM gets a slightly lower basic salary of P325,291, per diem of P147,000, bonus of P168,783, RATA of P181,245, and a "discretionary allowance" of P4,403,626. In our scale of values, running a lottery is clearly a higher function than running a university.

During the colonial period, government was synonymous with subjugation and plunder. Despite the foreigner's pretense at benevolence, the people treated it as an enemy. When independence came, however, the elite-led government did not give up these offensive functions. In addition to these, it acquired one more—to serve as the milking cow of state officials. We cannot continue running our country like this.

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Teachers' pet

COMMENTARY

Leandro V. Coronel

RAUL Roco has become our public school teachers' pet. It's about time they had one.

Actually, Roco is more than a teachers' pet; he 's the teachers' patron, even their patron saint. Since becoming education secretary, he's been working to revive the nobility in the teaching profession, restore the respect for teachers and renew the teachers' faith in the government's ability to protect their interests.

Roco has been looking into the openly rumored scams and fraud plaguing the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. He has saved teachers from the clutches of the loan sharks who pounce on the underpaid public servants who often have to resort to borrowing to meet their basic needs.

It's about time someone took interest in this large department. It's about time someone cleaned up the mess in the procurement of school supplies, including textbooks and other basic school paraphernalia. It's about time someone raised the standards of arguably the most important department in the executive branch.

The DECS is a department filled with ironies. It's the arm of government charged with educating our youth, and yet its instructors are themselves undertrained. It's supposed to educate and ennoble us, and yet it's a house full of scandalous transactions and deals inimical to public welfare.

It's also ironic that we seem to have too cavalier an approach to education and the preparedness of our teachers. As the historian Henry Adams noted, "A teacher affects eternity." Who can deny the truism that we are what we are because of what our early teachers taught us? Besides our parents, who has had the strongest influence on us, on our beliefs and basic knowledge, if not our grade and high school teachers?

And yet in this country teachers receive pitiful wages. They who toil to mold young minds, who suffer the dunces and the dolts in their classes, who work long hours during the day and often into the night, get a pittance for a salary. Shouldn't we pour more of our budget resources into a department that teaches our youth to become literate and enlightened citizens? Why must our budgetary priorities be so skewed and senseless?

Most of us have lasting, fond memories of our teachers, especially those in grade school, who nurtured our tender minds and encouraged us with hopeful words and visions. I particularly remember Ms Severino, Ms Gutierrez, Ms Gagui, Ms Nicdao and Mr. Domingo of the Floridablanca (Pampanga) Elementary School (ever tried remembering the first names of your grade school teachers?). Ms Severino took me in as a *salimpusa* in Grade I as a favor to my mother who probably wanted to get rid of me from the house because I was a naughty boy. I was only 5 years old (the reason why all my classmates were older than me).

And we have teachers in the family. My mother's only surviving sibling, Cristeta V. Pacia, was an elementary school teacher in Macababe, Pampanga. My sisters-in-law, Alegre S. Coronel and Virginia M. Coronel, are also grade school teachers in Bamban, Tarlac, and Floridablanca, respectively.

The philosopher Francis Bacon said, "Knowledge is power." Roco must know this. And he wants to empower our youth by giving them knowledge.

Roco is doing the right thing by being an activist Cabinet secretary. Too often, Cabinet members wait for signals from their boss before taking action. Many Cabinet secretaries simply coast along until their terms end.

To her credit, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo seems to believe in delegating authority and she has given her managers the go-signal to make independent decisions and take decisive action.

The President has put some good people in her Cabinet. Richard Gordon, for example, is the right choice for the Department of Tourism. He can be too loquacious sometimes (sometimes?) but Gordon is a natural salesman. He never stops selling something and he never runs out of commodities to sell, including himself sometimes. Gordon would be the kind of salesman who, after a nuclear holocaust, would find employment selling sticks and stones to the survivors if they still had the appetite for conflict.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez appears to be a favored presidential aide and behaves in a commensurate manner. And, besides, his is a key Cabinet department. Exhumed from the obscurity of being out of power, Perez burst into the scene as a private prosecutor in the Estrada impeachment trial, doing better than most of his colleagues on either side of the court. And, after Edsa II, he was elevated to the justice post, holding court daily as the dispenser of judicial wisdom in the Macapagal administration.

But, no doubt, Roco has been the most activist among Ms Macapagal's Cabinet men. Which puts him as a strong contender in the next presidential elections. Which is not necessarily to say that his being activist has something to do with his ambitions, although his success in his current post can't hurt him later.

It's no secret, after having already made an attempt, that Roco aspires to be president. But whatever actions he may take now shouldn't necessarily be imputed to that objective. He was appointed to the position and he's doing what he thinks is best for his department and the nation. One thing is sure, though: we haven't heard the last nor have seen the best of Roco.

An aside: My older brother Joselito claims he and Roco were classmates at the Naga Parochial School and he has warm fraternal feelings for the Cabinet secretary (my family lived in Bicol when my father, a Shell Co. man, was assigned there). I tease Tito that we shouldn't hold their being classmates against Roco.

The philosopher Epictetus' pronouncement, "Only the educated are free," should be a guiding principle of any government, especially a relatively young one like the Philippines. But we can only educate ourselves and our youth if we put enough resources into our education system, into better curricula, into better classrooms and other facilities and into better teachers. With an educated citizenry, outbursts of anarchy and violence, like Edsa III, will be few and far-between.

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THEY SAID

Capitalists, not educators

"Because an overwhelming majority of private school owners are not really educators but unfeeling capitalists, they betray their allergy to such good-natured policies and programs such as salary increases, benefit payments and democratic rights recognition."

—Alliance of Concerned Teachers president Carol Almeda in a statement in defense of Education Secretary Raul Roco's pro-public school teachers programs

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Can the Abu Sayyaf be stopped?

IT IS now clear that the Estrada administration's handling of the Sipadan crisis was a qualified short-term success but a long-term failure. Most of the hostages went free, after prolonged and difficult negotiations. But the million-dollar ransom payments only ensured that the group would emerge stronger, more formidable.

Over a month after a much better-equipped group swooped down on the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan, however, the military has still not recovered all the hostages or stopped the hostage-takers. A "decisive battle" is said to be in the offing, but in the public opinion wars the elusive bandits are a step ahead of the soldiers.

ABU SAYYAF
ABU SAYYAF STRIKES AGAIN!
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Not at the rate things are going

BY GLENDA M. GLORIA
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WHENEVER the Abu Sayyaf sows mayhem in Western Mindanao, we tell ourselves, there they go again, those bandits. But I have always wondered as to who would have better access to heaven once they're dead: the schooled bandits in our midst whom we elect or appoint to public office, or the uncouth bandits in that far-away place called Basilan, who behead and rape their hostages?

Bandits know and often respect each other—their masks and aviator shades notwithstanding. In good times, they protect each other. In bad, they betray each other. But if business is good, they are married for life. The Abu Sayyaf knows this. They have dealt with too many uniformed, elected and appointed bandits all these years—and it gives them a natural high to know that, after all the noise and the gunfire, it would be business as usual for all.

This is not meant to raise a conspiracy theory, as Basilan residents are wont to do. But government is bluffing when it says that the Abu Sayyaf will soon be crushed. It must be humble enough to admit that it has inherited a monster of a problem that it won't be able to solve in the short term.

The Abu Sayyaf that the government tried to dissect and understand in 1992 is not the same Abu Sayyaf now. There are new faces and networks that government spies and analysts are totally clueless about. It is hard to believe, though, that there is a structure that runs the entire operation for the group; in fact, its strength lies in its looseness.

The Abu Sayyaf can't be stopped for now because of things done and undone in the past. Each time the smell of gunpowder evaporated in Basilan, we believed government's breast-beating claim that our woes would soon be over. The old standards associated with an armed group's demise sounded like music to our ears: killed in action, wounded in action, camps vacated, tanks rolling in, members and leaders surrendering.

We have always wanted quick, loud solutions to very complex problems, and government has always dished these out to us.

When the Abu Sayyaf's most charismatic leader—Abdurajak Abubakar Janjalani—was killed in an encounter with the police in December 1998, we thought that spelled the doom of the group. Yet it was after Janjalani's death that the Abu Sayyaf gained worldwide notoriety and enviable wealth. The group he had left behind is too well-connected and too deeply-rooted to be just dismissed as a gang that will die once its leaders are eliminated.

Surely if the threat hasn't stopped all these years, the people tasked to confront it must, at the very least, acknowledge that they have not been doing it right. And unless new ideas and new tactics come out of their bored minds, the problem will stay for a long, long time.

The Abu Sayyaf has always been a seasonal threat that's been the subject of seasonal attention by the public, by government, and by the media. The group works for about four months a year and takes R&R for the rest of the time. Their overhead and operational expenses are minimal, thus the opportunity to penetrate their network is greatly reduced. But instead of taking the opposite route, our authorities follow the same seasonal pattern in dealing with the group: they run after the Abu Sayyaf for about four months also, and when all is quiet, they turn their sights to other threats.

Yet it is during the lull that significant things happen. It is when plans are made, when deals are struck with businessmen, politicians, cops, and soldiers, when government forgets that Basilan exists, and when food on the table in the hinterlands of the province starts to run out.

It is during this period that military commanders are transferred to other more exciting areas, when intelligence funds are channeled to where there's more action, when local politicians prepare their war chest for the next elections, and when corrupt local businessmen negotiate for another smuggled shipment that will enter Abu Sayyaf waters.

This has been the nauseating pattern for the last 10 years. There are countless ties that forever bind the Abu Sayyaf to the kind of violence that it has shown us: the wily local politician, the corrupt military officer, the conniving policeman, the greedy businessman with illegal business to protect, the ex-rebel who's been excluded from the peace pie and who's now desperate for money, the rich businessman who prefers Christian laborers to Muslims, the armed vigilante, and the clueless, incompetent national government official.

Can the Abu Sayyaf be stopped now? Yes, but only for a season.

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Only if the government really wants to

BY CARLOS H. CONDE
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DAVAO CITY—The title of this discussion should be rephrased to read "Why can't the government stop the Abu Sayyaf?" Or, more to the point: "Is the government willing to stop the Abu Sayyaf?"

The original question is based on an enormous assumption: that the Abu Sayyaf is this monster group that simply can't be destroyed. Or that it has grown so monstrous to the point that the government can no longer match it bullet for bullet. In other words, the assumption is that the Abu Sayyaf is outside the ambit of the government and the military, that it is like the Moro Islamic Liberation Front or the New People's Army—impervious to any influence, even manipulation, from elements in government.

Out in the field, however, this much seems clear. The key to eliminating the Abu Sayyaf depends largely on the government and the military. That is, whether they would be willing to pull the plug on this group that they created, nurtured, and used for a variety of reasons.

The origin of the Abu Sayyaf is not a secret. John K. Cooley, the correspondent to the Middle East of ABC News and "The Christian Science Monitor," has determined that the Abu Sayyaf was formed and trained by the Central Intelligence Agency in Afghanistan to help fight the invading Russians in the 1980s. "Some of the original veterans of the Afghan jihad, and their sons and grandsons and those trained by them, have been operating with destructive effect since the 1980s from Egypt and the Philippines to Algeria and New York," Cooley wrote. Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. has even called the group a "CIA monster."

Last year, in "Under the Crescent Moon: Rebellion in Mindanao," journalists Marites Danguilan-Vitug and Glenda Gloria detailed the criminal activities of the Abu Sayyaf and, most importantly, the group's links with the military and the police.

And yet we have never heard the government, the police or the military come clean on their involvement with the Abu Sayyaf—despite damning evidence that they were the ones controlling the group or, at the every least, influencing the group. On the contrary, since the death of their leader Abdurajak Janjalani, we have witnessed how the Abu Sayyaf would strike at the most curious time or how the government would strike at the Abu Sayyaf to deflect attention from itself.

In the context of the Abu Sayyaf's history and connection with the police and the military, it is not surprising that it is able to get away with its terroristic activities in Mindanao and elsewhere. It seems hard to believe that the group can escape the thousands of troops and all sorts of war equipment material that the government has deployed in Jolo and Basilan. Even local residents are dumbfounded that the bandits can walk away just like that.

In the absence of credible explanations from the government, the police or the military, the only reason I can think of to explain the Abu Sayyaf's continued existence is this: the government allows it to.

What for? Well, Estrada used his offensive against the Abu Sayyaf to score brownie points with the public. That may be a laughable reason—"What? President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo will allow the killing of people just to look good?"—but governments are capable of anything. Then there's the ransom, which is definitely not peanuts. And, oh, how about using the Abu Sayyaf to deflect attention from such issues as the Power Bill, which was passed without a hitch at almost the same time that the Dos Palmas kidnapping took place, with the public glued to their screen watching soldiers firing away at an unseen enemy in Basilan? Could it be that there's a big interest group that is now using the Abu Sayyaf to drive down the price of land in Basilan?

True, these are all speculations, shared by many in the field. With the way things are going in Jolo and Basilan, who's to say which motive is good enough for all this mayhem?

Of course the Abu Sayyaf can be stopped, but only if the government really wants to. There's no other way to explain the government's seeming helplessness but as complicity.

Conde is also moderator of PinoyPress, an online discussion group for journalists.

But a military solution is not enough

BY SANDRA AGUINALDO
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ZAMBOANGA CITY—When I was assigned to cover the Sipadan hostage crisis in the province of Sulu last year, I experienced how difficult life was in a place that came to be known as "no man's land."

I made daily trips to the municipality of Patikul, where many Abu Sayyaf men raise their families. There were days when we had to sleep in the houses of almost total strangers. We slept, with our hosts (because the houses had no rooms), lying straight and still beside one another, like refugees.

"Call of nature" then really meant going to the woods by the river, disappearing behind the bushes with a stick in hand (for digging the necessary hole).

It was on one of those trips to Patikul that I met Almujahid Susukan, the 19-year-old brother of Mujib Susukan, one of the leaders of the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu.

Ironically, he was one of the soldiers chasing after the Abu Sayyaf. In my interview, he vowed that if he would chance upon his brother, he would definitely kill him.

After a few months, I learned from a friend that the teenager was no longer a soldier. He had joined the Abu Sayyaf, hoping to make a killing from the ransom paid for the release of the hostages.

Way of life

The Abu Sayyaf problem has often been blamed on poverty. It should be.

But culture in the places where the group thrives and their people's long history of fighting for identity and freedom are root causes, too. Fighting for justice, honor and power is a way of life, in a place where firearms are worn like clothes.

I've seen countless children carrying firearms in the outskirts of Sulu. They can't look at you straight in the eye and conversation with them is impossible.

I've also attended a wedding in Jolo where guests with powerful firearms are given special seats at the banquet.

One army officer once told me that Basilan and Sulu would not be Basilan and Sulu if there were no fighting.

He may be correct, but what bothers me is the fact that ordinary people, and the soldiers as well, have come to accept Basilan and Sulu as a hopeless case.

Abu Sayyaf is a criminal group. Their objective is simple: to make money.

If the government is sincere in wanting to put an end to the Abu Sayyaf's activities, it may eventually succeed in eliminating the likes of Khadafi Janjalani, Abu Sabaya and Kumander Robot. But these personalities have relatives, friends and admirers who want to take their place.

In the end, it's really poverty that should be addressed. Local and national officials should be sincere in bringing development to these areas in order to make the Abu Sayyaf obsolete.

However, this should go hand in hand with the sincerity of local officials—who maintain power by maintaining the status quo—as well as the willingness of the police and the military to let go of Basilan and Sulu, where rewards for perceived accomplishments come in the form of stars and medals on their uniforms.

Otherwise, greed would be the only thing left. This will make the Abu Sayyaf thrive for years to come.

Talking points

CLICHÉ is not merely a hackneyed phrase or a stereotypical image; it is a habit of mind. Any analysis of the Abu Sayyaf problem can easily degenerate into a Casablanca moment: round up the usual clichés!

It is, for instance, easy enough to say that poverty lies at the root of the Abu Sayyaf problem; it is difficult to say it in a new, fresh way that cuts through the media clutter.

Ms Aguinaldo's piece solves the problem by **proceeding inductively.** She begins with specific examples—the custom of sleeping with strangers, the necessity of a comfort stick—to effectively build a case for poverty as a root cause.

In particular, the image of the 19-year-old brother turned soldier turned bandit remains very much in the air, as it were, when she concludes that the mere elimination of bandit leaders won't solve the problem once and for all. There are simply too many "who want to take their place."

Ms Gloria shares this sense that "quick, loud solutions" won't solve a "very complex" problem such as the Abu Sayyaf. But she reaches this conclusion through a very different route (presumably one she learned to travel when she was co-writing "Under the Crescent Moon"). It is a complicated idea (that is, there are many factors involved), but it can be summed up simply enough, in the **concept of seasonality**. "The Abu Sayyaf has always been a seasonal threat that's been the subject of seasonal attention by the public, by government, and by the media."

The word captures many ideas: why the group is elusive, why the military always comes up short, why the "wily local politician" or "the ex-rebel who's been excluded from the peace pie" are factors in the same "nauseating pattern" of the last 10 years.

Mr. Conde squarely places the burden of responsibility on the government and the military. "[T]he only reason I can think of to explain the Abu Sayyaf's continued existence is this: the government allows it to."

This harks back to what Gloria has already alluded to, that Basilan residents are "wont" to raise conspiracy theories.

There is no doubt that Conde raises a valid point: the unwillingness of the military "to come clean on their involvement with the Abu Sayyaf" allows many people to believe the worst about the AFP. But the main argument—that the government is not willing to stop the Abu Sayyaf because of its role in developing the group in the first place—is itself problematic. If pushed to the extreme, it becomes an example of the **genetic fallacy**—that genes are destiny, that circumstances at birth will necessarily determine future behavior. It is quite possible that Frankenstein's monster, once out of the laboratory, would develop a life of its own.–*J. Nery*

The WORLD

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Case against Milosevic expanded

A FORENSIC expert searches for evidence in the international war crimes tribunal's identification center in a morgue in the Bosnian town of Visoko June 29. The forensic team found more than 60 bodies believed to be Bosnian Muslims killed by Serb forces in 1992 and thrown into the Piljak pit in the Serb controlled part of war-torn Balkan country. Slobodan Milosevic was behind bars in The Hague on Friday, facing charges of crimes against humanity after a decade of Balkan wars that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. REUTERS

By Robert H. Reid

THE HAGUE—Calling the extradition of Slobodan Milosevic a "turning point" in the pursuit of those responsible for atrocities in the Balkans, the chief war crimes prosecutor Friday amended the indictment against the former Yugoslav president, adding the names of hundreds more victims in Kosovo.

Chief prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said the new indictment accused Milosevic of command responsibility in the deaths of more than 600 Kosovo Albanians, double the number of names cited when he was first charged in May 1999.

An estimated 10,000 Kosovo Albanians were killed during Milosevic's 18-month crackdown against the rebellious province, which ended after a 78-day Nato bombing campaign and the withdrawal of all Yugoslav forces.

Milosevic was responsible for starting and losing four wars during his 13-year rule, which ended after a popular uprising in October forced him to accept electoral defeat by pro-democracy forces led by Vojislav Kostunica.

However, Milosevic has been charged only with offenses allegedly committed in Kosovo. The tribunal insists that Milosevic bore responsibility for atrocities regardless of whether he specifically ordered them because as a national leader, he should have stopped or prevented them.

Del Ponte said she was preparing indictments charging Milosevic for offenses during wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Tribunal officials predicted the new indictments would be ready by October. Investigators are also looking into possible genocide charges—most likely for crimes allegedly committed in Bosnia.

Apart from the cases against Milosevic, tribunal officials hope the arrest of their number one suspect—the only former head of state ever indicted by a UN court—will invigorate efforts to round up others responsible for atrocities in the Balkan wars.

"The transfer of Slobodan Milosevic is a turning point that all authorities throughout the former Yugoslavia must now recognize," Del Ponte told reporters. "We are today only at the start of the case against Slobodan Milosevic, not at the end."

Chief among those still at large are former Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic, believed hiding in Nato-controlled territory of Bosnia, and the Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, who is thought to be living in Belgrade.

"The fact that they have not been arrested when we are preparing the trial of other members of the Bosnian Serb leadership is scandalous," she said. "All our accused must be brought to trial."

Tribunal authorities have complained for years that Nato is reluctant to hunt down Karadzic and others for fear of casualties among their troops.

In Belgrade, a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday that Serbian President Milan Milutinovic, indicted along with Milosevic, was considering giving himself up.

The official Tanjug news agency distributed a statement by Milutinovic refuting the claim. However, it appeared some figures in the pro-democracy government were anxious to get rid of Milutinovic now that Milosevic was in The Hague.

Milosevic was handed over Thursday by the government of Yugoslavia's main republic Serbia after a Milosevic-appointed court suspended a new decree paving the way for his extradition.

Serbia's pro-democracy prime minister, Zoran Djindjic, said Milosevic's extradition was necessary if the country were to receive much-needed economic aid and investment.

On Friday, the United States, the European Union and other major donors granted Belgrade $1.28 billion in aid during a one-day conference in Brussels, Belgium. The amount pledged exceeded Yugoslavia's target by $30 million. *AP*

Police question US servicemen over rape of Okinawa woman

TOKYO—Japanese police were questioning several members of the US military based in the southern island of Okinawa Friday over the rape of a local woman.

The rape, which took place in the early hours of Friday morning, occurred a day before the scheduled first summit between US President George W. Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who voiced his concern over the incident.

"We are questioning several US soldiers who were at the crime scene at the time," said a local police officer, who declined to be identified.

"We have yet to capture the suspects in this case."

Okinawa police stopped short of saying US troops were definitely involved in the attack but said they were searching for a car with special "Y-number" registration plates used by US Forces personnel and civilian employees.

A spokesperson said the victim, a woman in her 20s, was raped in a parking lot and that her attackers were believed to be foreigners.

Okinawa hosts around two thirds of the 47,000 US troops based in the country.

"An Okinawan woman in her 20s was raped by men believed to be foreign nationals," police spokesperson Tomomitsu Higa said.

The attack took place in Chatan, some 18 km north of Naha, the capital of Okinawa, around 2:05 a.m.

"The suspects are currently at large. We have yet to determine how many were involved in the rape. The crime may have been committed by a single suspect," Higa said.

Jiji Press quoted local police sources as saying the woman was raped by one man after being surrounded by several men.

Just hours before his departure to meet Bush, Koizumi expressed concern over the incident. "We must first confirm the report," he said. "If it were true, such a crime would hurt residents' feelings."

"We will act accordingly when we learn more about it," he added later when asked again about the rape.

Okinawa was handed back to Japan in 1972 after 27 years of US military rule following World War II.

A series of offenses by US servicemen there have aroused local hostility against the continuing military presence in recent years.

The 1995 rape of a local schoolgirl by three US servicemen sparked mass protests demanding the removal of US forces from Okinawa, a strategic island chain within striking distance of China and the Korean Peninsula.

In January, an Okinawan court fined a US marine for taking lewd "upskirt" photographs of a high-school girl. *AFP*

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Bush right-hand man Cheney may need 'pacemaker plus'

CHENEY

WASHINGTON—US Vice President Richard Cheney, considered to be the driving force behind the current administration, announced Friday he is to undergo tests to try and find a solution to persistent heart problems.

Cheney told reporters he had scheduled tests on Saturday to investigate recently spotted abnormal heart rhythms. The test may that show the vice president needs what he described as a "pacemaker plus."

Cheney, 60, who has a history of heart disease, said he will undergo the electro-physiology study at the George Washington University hospital here.

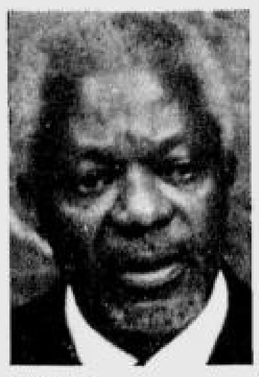
"I look at this as an insurance policy," he said, adding that President George W. Bush had "strongly recommended" that he go forward with the procedure.

"For somebody with my background and record with respect to coronary artery disease and previous heart attacks, there is that possibility of abnormal heartbeats," said Cheney, who underwent angioplasty in November after suffering his fourth heart attack since 1978.

Later, White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said the president had no second thoughts as to whether Cheney is fit to stay in office.

"The vice president is one of millions of fortunate Americans who are able to enjoy a full life thanks to medical technology and the abilities of our nation's doctors," Fleischer said. *AFP*

'Saint-like' Annan reelected



ANNAN

UNITED NATIONS—His admirers call him "saint-like" and "a rock star of international diplomacy."

It was a day to heap praise on Kofi Annan, who was elected to a second five-year term as secretary general of the United Nations.

In the wood-paneled General Assembly chamber, representatives of the 189 UN member nations approved the re-election of the 63-year-old Ghanaian by acclamation Friday, bursting into applause and then rising from their seats to give him a standing ovation as he entered the room and walked to the podium.

Annan's uncontested election more than six months before his first term expires on Dec. 31 was unprecedented, reflecting the overwhelming support he enjoys from countries rich and poor.

Bangladesh's UN Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, who officially informed the assembly of Annan's nomination by the Security Council, said the secretary general had lived up to the expectations when he took office on Jan. 1, 1997—that he would carry out his duties "in the most impeccable, impartial and independent way."

"He has excelled in his office, delivering under trying circumstances," said Chowdhury, the current council president. "His reform efforts of the United Nations have made the organization ready for the challenges of the 21st century. He has made the United Nations more relevant in today's world."

One by one, representatives from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Western nations, and the United States as the host country, paid tribute to Annan's accomplishments during his first term—and set out their wish lists for his next term, which begins Jan. 1, 2002.

Almost every speaker pointed to the ambitious agenda Annan drafted to reduce poverty, give every child an education, halt the AIDS epidemic and improve human rights in the 21st century. It was adopted at last September's Millennium Summit by over 150 world leaders, the largest gathering of heads of state and government.

Annan said he plans annual reports on progress toward the summit goals "indicating where we are succeeding and where we are failing—and why."

During his first term, the secretary general said, he sought to make the United Nations more responsive to change, to openly admit its past failures, to speak out for the poorest and the most vulnerable, and "to make universal human rights the touchstone of my work."

"The task is not done," he said, pledging to continue to promote human rights and UN reform, and to build partnerships with the business community, foundations, non-profit organizations and civic groups. *AP*

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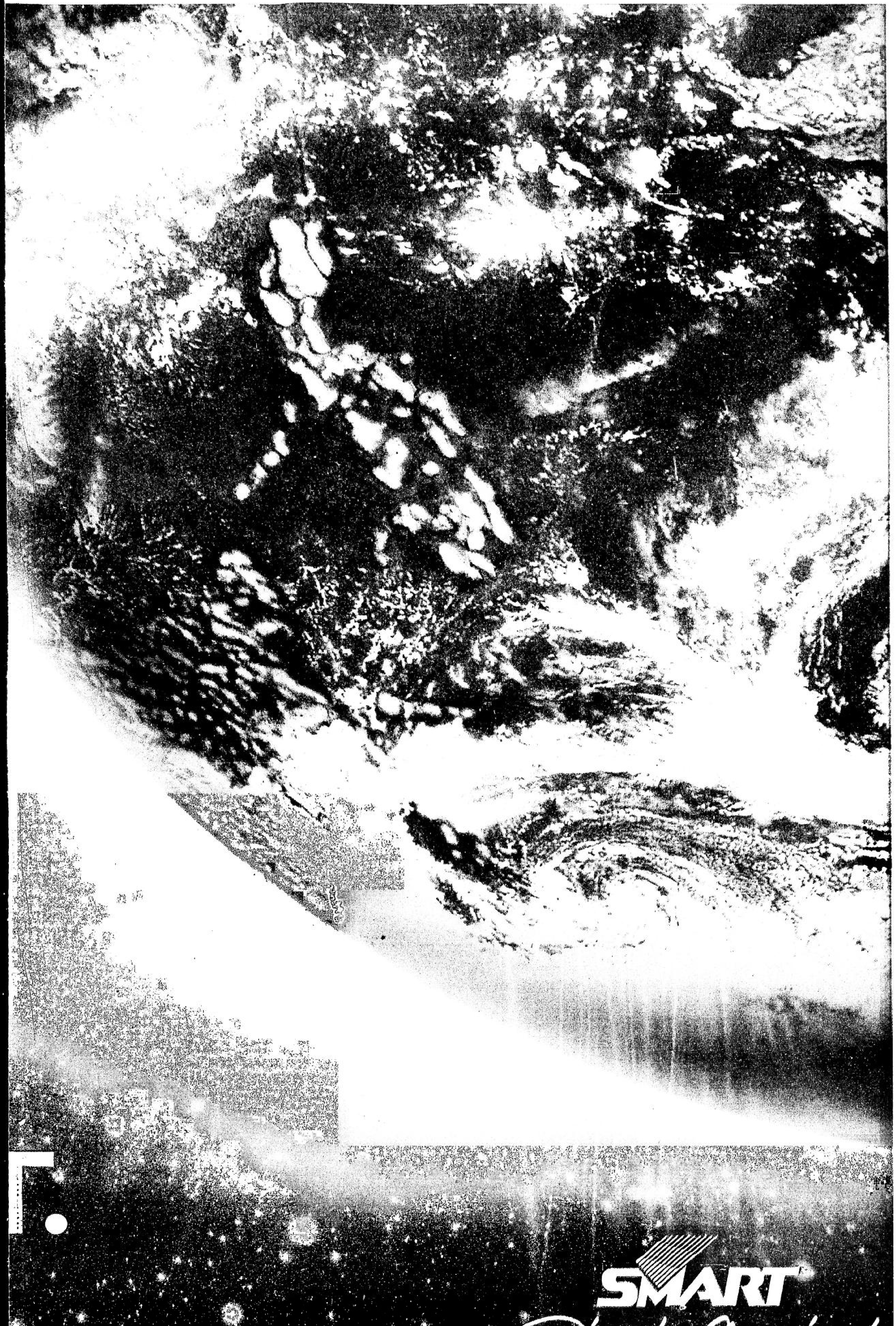
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Anti-Gloria plot 'hoax'

Militant peasants believe threats are imagined

BY ROMULO PONTE
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna—A smokescreen.

This was how a militant farmers' group in this province described revelations made by installed President Macapagal-Arroyo of alleged plots to destabilize her administration.

Orly Marcellana, secretary general of the Katipunan ng mga Samahang Magbubukid sa Timog Katagalugan (Kasama-TK), said in an interview here that members of his group believed the alleged plot existed only in the minds of Ms Macapagal's officials.

Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. recently claimed that the spate of kidnappings that gripped Metro Manila and the entire country after the installation of Ms Macapagal as President in January was part of a plot to overthrow the Macapagal administration.

Marcellana said the plot is a "hoax."

"There is no group at this point in time that is capable of overthrowing the Arroyo (administration because) it enjoys full support from mainstream police and military forces," said Marcellana.

He said his group believed that the revelation of the plot was meant just to divert the people's attention away from the more pressing problems of the country like continuing poverty, graft and corruption, theft of public funds and wrong priorities of the government.

Marcellana said the focus with which the Macapagal administration was giving the destabilization plot could be designed to lull the country's poor into paying close attention "to an exaggerated security problem."

The peasant leader said Ms Macapagal should instead attend to the more serious problems of the country, like the continuing impoverishment of farmers, laborers and ordinary citizens in the countryside.

Marcellana said the President should not fail the poor who have been hoping desperately to own the land they are tilling.

"They are still hoping that genuine land reform could take place in this (existing) dispensation," he said.

The peasant leader also urged Ms Macapagal to stop her officials from conjuring up images of an administration under threat and also stop the military from further transforming the countryside in Laguna and other Southern Tagalog provinces into barracks.

To help poor farmers, Marcellana said the President could order a stop to the continued massive cutting of coconut trees in the provinces of Laguna and Quezon.

Marcellana said millions of residents of the two provinces depend on the coconut industry despite its sorry state now.

The INQUIRER received reports that at least 25 truckloads of coconut lumber have been transported from Sta. Cruz, Laguna to Manila.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources local office has yet to act on the cutting of coconut trees in the two provinces. Republic Act 8048 prohibits the cutting of coconut trees that still yield nuts.

24,000 bags of smuggled rice seized

BY CARLA GOMEZ
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—A cargo ship loaded with some P20-million worth of suspected smuggled rice was grounded by the Bureau of Customs and the Philippine National Police at the Bacolod Real Estate and Development Corp. (Bredco) port in this city on Friday.

Supt. Tom Banas, police intelligence chief in Western Visayas, said they stopped the unloading of the rice shipment while the documents of its consignees are being verified.

Police investigators said the cargo ship, Star Luzon, arrived at the Bredco Port from Manila on Thursday night with 24,000 bags of rice. Some of the rice cargo had already been unloaded before the police and Bureau of Customs arrived on Friday night and stopped the unloading.

Banas said he learned that two truckloads of the rice shipment had already been unloaded before it was stopped by the raiding team.

The suspicion of customs and police intelligence operatives that the rice shipment could be smuggled was bolstered by the failure of the consignees to surface when the formal investigation of the shipment began yesterday.

Bureau of Customs officials said the shippers were only identified in the shipment papers as "Uni-Agri Marketing," "Evergreen Serial" and "DJL."

The same shipment papers also identified the consignees in Bacolod City as "Luisito Yu," "Pacific Supply," "Antonio Yulo," "Paterno Yap," "Rica Marketing," "Season Food," "Lucy Uy," "Armando Armas" and "Negros Food Supply."

DOH plan seeks to keep docs in villages

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Lack of doctors and inadequate health services in the rural areas, especially in far-flung communities, may soon be a thing of the past.

The Department of Health is coming out with an improved version of the "Doctors to the Barrios" program, a project initiated by then Health Secretary Juan Flavier and which has been sending doctors to the countryside since 1994.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said doctors recruited for the revised program will receive special training in preventive or community medicine before they are deployed to remote rural villages.

"The training shall be rigorous as we are developing within the health department community or preventive medicine residency," he said.

In the old program, doctors are only given a two-week orientation program before they are sent to the field. In the interim, they are called now and then by the health department for meetings, to attend seminars and other medical education activities.

At the end of the program, they leave the villages with no one to continue whatever they started.

Some 40 doctors are recruited annually for the two-year program. They receive subsidized salaries and funds for the program also from donors.

But many of these doctors used the training they receive as a way to get hospital residency, according to Dayrit.

It was learned that doctors are more attracted to hospital residency where they receive training or hone their skills in surgery, eye-ear-nose-and-throat operations and other disciplines.

Under the revised program, doctors will have better training and are expected to go into preventive or community medicine and make a career out of it, thus ensuring their longer stay in the villages, Dayrit said.

"They (doctors) can be hired by rural health units of local governments," he said, adding that they can also be accredited by the state-run Philhealth, the health insurance program for indigents.

"If they are hired by LGUs, the local governments can then ask for additional funds from the government," he said. ***Peter La. Julian, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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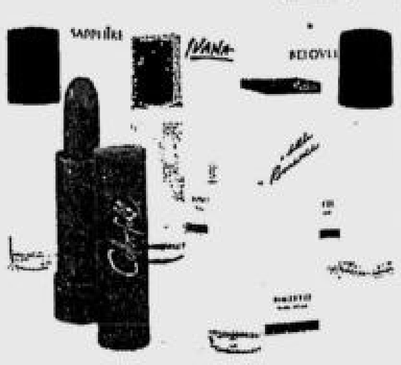

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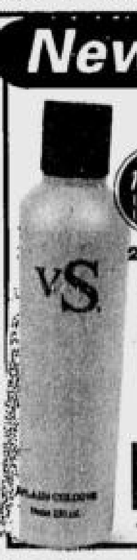

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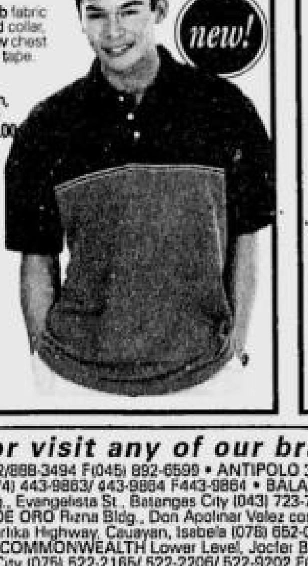

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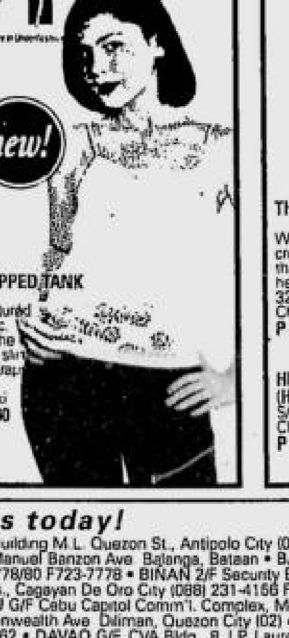

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Insanity in the forests

BY FROILAN GALLARDO
Cagayan de Oro City

'GREEN WARRIORS' with some of the most effective weapons against logging—wood planks with nails—guard a barricade in a village in Cagayan de Oro City ready for an encounter with logging trucks.
FROILAN GALLARDO

Enraged was how Ariel (not his real name) felt as he and a group of farmers waited for the logging trucks to come barreling through in Barangay Lumbia this city.

The 20-year old Ariel and the farmers have been expecting the trucks to come down to Cagayan de Oro from the forests of nearby Lanao del Sur. They have set up a barricade in Barangay Lumbia, a major road junction, to stop the trucks from passing through.

Ariel and his friends had waited for more than 20 days for this moment.

"Tonight we shall stop the trucks," Ariel said.

Unlike the armed "Alimaongs or tribal warriors" of Davao Oriental, Ariel was armed with an iron spike he fashioned from a wooden plank and nails.

The farmers with him were not armed.

"This (iron spike) will stop the trucks," he said.

Ariel was seething with rage because the logging trucks kept on coming through despite the countless barricades environmentalists had set up in this city and in the province of Bukidnon in the past two years.

Logging companies had always managed to outwit local environmentalists through court orders, subterfuge tactics and sometimes, direct threats.

Ariel knew that the loggers had encroached in the forests of Lanao del Sur, a vital watershed area, which has a vital ecosystem that feeds water to Lake Lanao and the Agus River where Mindanao's "crown jewels," the hydro plants, are located.

The seven hydro plants operated by the National Power Corporation feed Mindanao most of its electricity.

Dying forests

The forest straddles the boundaries of Lanao del Sur, Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental all the way to the East Iponan watershed in Cagayan de Oro. Recent aerial surveys, however, revealed that the forests of Bukidnon and the East Iponan watershed are already gone.

The Philippine deer, cockatoos and other fauna and flora, which have made the forests their home for centuries, are endangered by the rampant logging activities in the Lanao watershed. Many of these endangered species are now being illicitly sold as pets and, unfortunately, as food in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan cities.

At present, there are six big logging companies and "special permittees" operating in the Lanao forests, according to the Cagayan de Oro-based Task Force Macajalar, an anti-logging coalition.

These are the Vicmar Development Corp.; Timber Industries of the Philippines Inc.; Maranao Alliance for Rural Advancement; Matling Development Corp.; Hadji Ali Calanto Lantong; and Macud Maruhom.

According to the records of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Cagayan de Oro, Vicmar and the Maranao Alliance for Rural Advancement shipped at least 123 trucks of logs to Cagayan de Oro from Jan. 1 to April 20 this year until it was stopped when Ariel and the farmers put up the barricades in Barangay Lumbia.

Untouchable

The Timber License Agreement (TLA) of Vicmar Development Corp. expired in June 1997, but it continues to operate in Barangays Besigan and Tignapoloan, Cagayan de Oro and Tagoloan II, Lanao del Sur under an Industrial Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) issued by the DENR in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

The Timber Industries of the Philippines Inc. (TIPI), whose TLA will expire in 2004, operates in Wao, Lanao del Sur.

But Task Force Macajalar said of the TIPI's 22,000-hectare concession area, only 500 hectares are below 1,000 meters from the sea level.

Presidential Decree 705 or the Forestry Reform Code prohibits logging in forests located more than 1,000 meters above sea level.

The Task Force Macajalar also said TIPI does not have any meaningful reforestation project to replace the trees they cut in their concession area.

The Matling Devlopment Corp. operates in Marugong, Lanao del Sur, a known sanctuary of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The DENR in the ARMM allowed the firm to cut 17,000 cubic meters of trees a year in its concession area.

Last November, Army troops seized more than 400 cubic meters of lauan logs in Marugong.

"They (Matling) were cutting trees around a waterfall. It was insane. They should have not been permitted to cut those trees," said Lt. Col. Gregorio Catapang, the former chief of the Army's 26th Infantry Battalion.

Protector

But the Army had to release the logs when the DENR-ARMM interceded on behalf of Matling Corp. The administrative control of the ARMM over the Lanao forests has always been a contentious issue between the DENR, environmentalists and the people in Cagayan de Oro and Bukidnon.

When ARMM was created in 1989, through the virtue of Republic Act 6734, the autonomous region was allowed to exercise control over its natural resources. The ARMM issued permits to cut trees to firms, individuals and other "special permittees" through documents like the Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP) and Private Forestry Development Agreement (PFDA).

> 'They were cutting trees around a watershed. It was insane.'

Hadji Ali Calanto Lantong and Macud Maruhom are among the recipients.

Maruhom is allowed to clear 5,500 hectares of forests in Tignapoloan II, Lanao del Sur, to allow a Filipino and Malaysian firm to plant palm oil.

Under an agreement signed by the ARMM and DENR last June 26, 1999, the regional office of the DENR in Cagayan de Oro was tasked to monitor the flow of logs from Lanao del Sur to the port city.

"We only monitor them but can't do anything to stop the trucks," Francisco Quililan, DENR director for Northern Mindanao, explained.

Abuse

Task Force Macajalar and other environmentalists say the agreement is subject to abuse.

"These firms hastened the denudation of the Lanao watershed," Orlando Ravanera, chair of Task Force Macajalar, said.

He said the companies are cutting trees even those below 60 meters in diameter and logging in mountain slopes with 50 percent gradients—a forestry law violation.

Ravanera said these practices have caused the forest soil to erode to the lowlands of Cagayan de Oro. He cited the brownish waters in Cagayan de Oro and Iponan rivers as evidence of the erosion.

"The forest in Lanao has a direct link to the farmers and fishermen. It allowed them to survive," Ravanera said.

Before the destruction

George Kauffman had high hopes when he started farming in Barangay Tignapoloan in the early 1980s.

A son of a German expatriate, Kauffman left the bustle of Cagayan de Oro to live a quiet life in Barangay Tignapoloan.

The forest was still verdant around his half-a-hectare land and Kauffman had no reason to believe why his crop of coffee and fruit trees would not flourish.

"I could still hear the birds then. The forest provided us with everything," he said.

For food, Kauffman would hunt an occasional wild boar or monkey in the nearby forest. When his children got sick, Kauffman would pick some herbs in the forest to brew local medicine.

Then the logging companies came.

"Nothing is left now. All the trees and birds are gone. Only the rats live in my place," Kauffman said.

He said the rats would lay waste to his crop of corn especially during long droughts.

Kauffman joined the ranks of farmers protesting against logging in the Lanao Forest.

Fisherman Adolfo Ares, 67, is also a "green warrior."

Like Kauffman, Ares saw his livelihood being swept under his feet when soil erosion came to the river in Barangay Iponan.

"Fishing was an honorable profession then. A small fisherman like me could send his children to college," Ares said in the vernacular.

Brown water

He said his catch dropped sharply when the waters of Iponan turned brown due to soil erosion in the late 1980s.

The Iponan River is connected to the East Iponan watershed in Cagayan de Oro.

Ares said he started hocking his meager possessions for his family to survive.

As misfortunes fell on him, Ares finally sold his *banca*. He turned to farming but the nutrients in the soil produce only bad harvest.

"Human life depends on Mother Nature. Destroy nature and you destroy life," he said.

Ares has become a regular in numerous barricades and protest actions against logging in Cagayan de Oro and Bukidnon in the past 10 years. Despite his failing health, Ares went to Congress to lobby for the passage of the Fishery Code in 1998.

He sees a kinship between fishers and farmers.

"The fishermen eat the rice produced by the farmers who also partake of the fish caught by the fishermen," he said.

Ares said deforestation means death to marginal fishermen because silt from erosion destroys corals in the seas.

According to a report made by the DENR in 1996, 1.2 million cubic meters of silt are being dumped into the Cagayan de Oro River from the denuded forests. The report predicted that the river would soon be heavily silted that it would overflow and divert from its present path.

The new river path, the DENR report said, would cut across St. Agustin Cathedral, Tomas Saco Street in Barangay Nazareth to the VIP hotel and the heart of the city.

Already, numerous sandbars have been formed along the Cagayan de Oro River, indicating the build-up of silt, the DENR report said.

The city government of Cagayan de Oro is seriously considering dredging the river.

Rufo Chan, regional director of the Department of Agriculture, said soil erosion from the denuded forests in Lanao had already reduced fish catch in the Macajalar Bay.

The Cagayan de Oro River is one of the four rivers feeding the Macajalar Bay with fresh water. The other three are the Iponan, Jasaan and Tagoloan rivers.

Irreparable damage

Chan said silt from the Cagayan de Oro and Iponan rivers has covered large tracts of coral reefs in the bay causing irreparable damage to fish breeding grounds.

"The rivers are spewing death instead of giving new life to the bay," he said.

He said they have to build artificial reefs as a replacement for the dead corals.

Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor has urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to stop logging in this city, Bukidnon and in the ARMM.

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Insanity

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Northern Mindanao depend on the forests for their survival.

"The Lanao watershed is a vital ecological balance in spurring economic growth in the region," Montemayor said in his letter to the President on May 21.

He said President Macapagal should cancel the Annual Allowable Cuts (AAC) issued by the ARMM to logging companies in Lanao del Sur.

According to DENR records in Cagayan de Oro, Vicmar Development Corp. was given an AAC of 15,000 cubic meters for this year.

The environment department of the ARMM also allowed the Maranao Alliance for Rural Advancement, a holder of a Community-based Forest Management Agreement, to cut 11,980 cubic meters of trees.

Montemayor said it would take 2,000 trucks to haul the logs and the continued logging would wipe out hundreds of hectares of forestlands.

"The huge volume of AACs is mind-boggling," he said.

Montemayor added that there are also reports that logging is ongoing in the adjoining Cagayan de Oro and Bukidnon watershed using the AACs as a "cover."

He urged the President to direct the DENR to strictly implement the forestry laws and review the AACs issued by the ARMM.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez is in full agreement.

In his letter to Task Force Macajalar on March 10, Alvarez urged the protesters manning the barricades in Barangay Lumbia to carry on the struggle.

Alvarez said a total ban on logging in Mindanao should be considered by the Macapagal administration and should be implemented in all of the island's forests and watershed areas.

Task Force Macalajar's Ravanera said they have to move the barricade from Barangay Lumbia to the highway in front of Manresa, Xavier University for security reasons.

He said the anti-logging protesters received death threats recently.

So far, the protesters have detained two logging trucks and a container van full of lumber since they set up the barricades on April 22.

Ravanera said the operators of the trucks and van were not able to present papers when they were stopped at the barricades.

The trucks later turned back to Barangay Tignapoloan while the owner of the lumber in the van, a certain Engineer Segundino Cabajar, presented some documents to DENR authorties.

Task Force Macajalar have filed a case against Cabajar for violation of Section 68 of Presidential Decree 705, which prohibits possession of lumber without legal documents.

"The fishermen and farmers will continue to take direct action as long as the forests continue to be denuded," Ravanera said.

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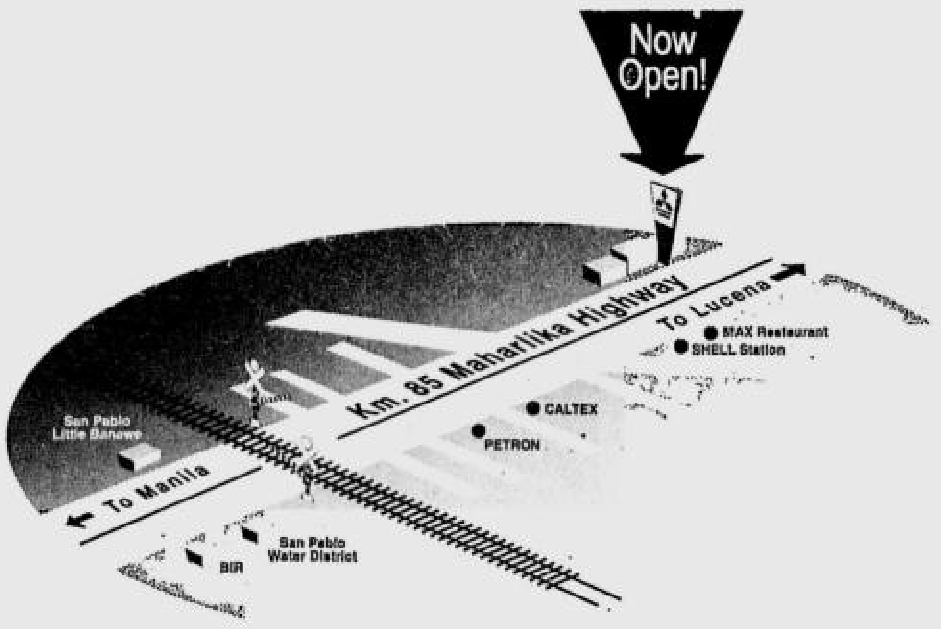

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Freedom for 2 hostages

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the Abu Sayyaf.

He said troops of the 18th Infantry Battalion were on a pursuit operation around 12:30 p.m. Friday in Sitio Matangal, Tuburan, when they were fired upon by MILF snipers.

"While our soldiers were on patrol, they encountered about 30 fully armed MILF troops," Servando said.

He said the soldiers fired back, triggering an hour-long firefight wherein a soldier, Sgt. Edgardo Majilom, was killed.

But the brush with the MILF did not end there, Servando said.

He said the same troops again clashed with another MILF group in Sitio Marang-Marang, Tuburan, where the military recovered combat gear from the rebels.

Julabbi, however, said the soldiers provoked the MILF fighters by "encroaching" into their area.

"These are MILF territories and the military was trespassing," he said, adding that this was not the first time the military had done so.

Wrong man

In Lantawan, Basilan, a weeping Hadji Abdulajid Yusof, father of a suspected Abu Sayyaf intelligence officer, said the government had arrested the wrong man.

Yusof wept when he saw his son Harshim Abdulajid identified on TV as a member of the urban intelligence unit of the Abu Sayyaf.

Harshim was arrested in Taguig, Metro Manila, on June 17, according to a government intelligence report. He is detained at the headquarters of the PNP Intelligence group in Camp Crame.

"It's not true, these are all lies," Yusof said, speaking in a mixture of Tausug and Yakan.

Yusof said he learned on June 10 from a cousin in Taguig that Harshim went missing after being seen with four unidentified men escorting him out of the mosque.

On June 28, Harshim was presented to the media as an Abu Sayyaf officer supposedly assigned to lay the groundwork for a terrorist offensive in Metro Manila.

But according to Jenny Bernardo, a field officer of the Department of Interior and Local Government, Harshim is the incumbent secretary of Barangay Kalugusan in Lantawan.

"He is a very good man," Bernardo told the INQUIRER. "The first person who meets me in that barangay is Harshim. He is very accommodating, and I don't believe he is an Abu Sayyaf member. He has always been critical of these bandits."

Through a voice recording that he managed to send to his relatives in Taguig, Harshim said he had been tortured.

"I was kicked, boxed, slapped," he said in Yakan. "They played their guns on me and threatened to kill me if I will not admit I'm an Abu Sayyaf member. Please, uncle, tell my father about my situation. Help me."

Lantawan Mayor Tahira Ismael said Harshim was in Manila to meet his wife, who was expected to arrive from Saudi Arabia.

Speaking in Taglish, Ismael said the authorities erred in arresting Harshim because he is her relative.

"Harshim is from Lantawan, and since I'm the mayor there, I know my constituents. I know my people," Ismael said.

US assistance

In Manila, Rigoberto Tiglao, spokesperson for the President, said high-tech surveillance equipment provided by the United States was now being used to track down the Abu Sayyaf and its captives.

Agence France Presse quoted Tiglao as saying in a radio interview that the US Federal Bureau of Investigation considered the kidnappings an international crime, "so they offered help and we accepted it."

"This is in the form of technical help. They loaned us some surveillance equipment," he said. "It looks like the help is having some effect now."

The President announced Friday that she had asked the United States "to help with their surveillance expertise and in supplying us with some modern equipment, and their response has been positive."

Tiglao sought to play down reports that the Abu Sayyaf was demanding ransom of $1 million for the American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham.

TV reports had earlier said the Abu Sayyaf was seeking ransom for the Burnhams and was trying to sell a videotape of its hostages to news agencies.

The Abu Sayyaf was also quoted as saying that it would kidnap more people, particularly Americans, if the government did not give in to its demands.

"They are being squeezed already. They are looking for a way out by making these announcements and asking the military to stop the offensives," Tiglao said in reaction.

The bandits abducted a total of three Americans and 17 Filipinos from Dos Palmas and transported them by sea to Basilan.

While some of their Filipino hostages had since been freed or allegedly escaped, the bandits had seized more hostages in Basilan and killed four Filipino captives.

They had boasted of killing one of the Americans, Guillermo Sobero, but his body has not yet been found. ***With an AFP report***

Estradas glad trial won't be televised

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Clamor noted that although the Supreme Court cited the rights of the accused and the rights of the media in its ruling, it failed to mention "most important aspect of all—"the right of the people to pursue with full knowledge and transparency the crime committed against them."

"The national interest dictates that the people be fully informed of what is going on in their complaint against a leader who allegedly betrayed them," Clamor convenor Dennis Funa said.

The Equal Justice for All Movement (E-Just), an umbrella organization of lawyers and civil society groups, claimed that the decision shows that the justices, distrust the "collective intelligence of the Filipino people."

Comparison

"Is the Supreme Court saying that it was a mistake for the Senate to allow the TV coverage of the impeachment trial, which allowed the people to see the mockery and charade of the impeachment trial?" E-Just asked in a statement.

Funa of Clamor said the expressed fear of the high court that live coverage could inflame the passions and emotions of the people "is highly misplaced" and completely missed the point of People Power II.

Outrage against Estrada was fueled partly by live television and radio coverage of his corruption trial in the Senate from December to January, where vivid testimonies and dramatic debates convinced many of his guilt even before the trial was over.

But "the cause of the (anger during the impeachment trial) was not the television coverage but rather the mockery of justice that was happening," Funa stressed.

He added: "If a mockery of justice could be committed with live television coverage during the impeachment trial, what more if there were no television coverage?"

'Bad precedent'

The leftist fisherfolk group Pamalakaya expressed apprehension that barring live media coverage would give an undue advantage to the Estrada camp.

"The decision could work in favor of Estrada because his camp can do practically everything without the (scrutiny of) the vigilant public eye," Pamalakaya said in a statement.

Pamalakaya information officer Gerry Albert-Corpuz said that live coverage would be crucial to the "success of justice and truth."

E-Just said the justices had set a bad precedent for future trials involving issues of public interest.

Earlier this month the Sandiganbayan reset the scheduled arraignment of Estrada and his son on the charge of plunder to July 10. The charge is theoretically punishable by death. Estrada has already been arraigned on a separate charge, punishable by up to six years imprisonment.

Filipino or English?

Despite their client's preference for the vernacular, Estrada's lawyers want the approaching trial proceedings held in English instead of Filipino.

In a five-page manifestation written entirely in Filipino and filed in the Sandiganbayan the other day, lawyer Rene Saguisag opposed a proposal of Ombudsman Aniano Desierto to allow the proceedings to be heard in Filipino.

Saguisag's reason: Some stenographers of the Sandiganbayan approached him Thursday and implored him to object to Desierto's suggestion.

The stenographers, Saguisag said, told him that they were not used to taking down stenographer's notes in Filipino. This could delay the proceedings even more, the stenographers said.

"This would lengthen the proceedings. Why is it that the Office of the Ombudsman wants this trial to drag on?" Saguisag wrote in Filipino.

The lawyer also took a potshot at the Ombudsman, saying Desierto would "come out as a traitor" to his fellow Cebuanos by pushing for a Filipino-language trial.

Saguisag also pointed out that President Macapagal-Arroyo herself had mispronounced the word "*salot*" (which he said was pronounced like "*balot*") and used the word "*patatawaran*" instead of the correct "*patatawarin.*"

"If an intelligent President who grew up in Metro Manila speaks Filipino that way, all the more the majority will find it difficult to follow the proceedings of this trial if the prosecutor's no-good suggestion is not withdrawn. This has to be nipped in the bud early," Saguisag said.

He said members of the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court who are not well-versed in Filipino may also have a hard time following the proceedings if they are deluged by appeals from both sides.

Singing Saguisag

Saguisag also took time yesterday to clarify that he and fellow counsel Jose Flaminiano did not mean to disrespect the Sandiganbayan by singing when they got a postponement of the plunder arraignment.

"The press asked us if we would not mind if the trial were held in the Veterans Memorial Medical Center… Flaminiano and I simply borrowed from Connie Francis' line "any place on earth will do," Saguisag said in a letter sent to media outfits, this time written in English.

He pointed out that if what they did was really disrespectful, "we are going to hear about it from the court itself. We will get convicted (of contempt) ahead of our client."

Also yesterday, Saguisag filed another manifestation asking the Sandiganbayan's third division to settle a defense petition asking Associate Justice Anacleto Badoy Jr. to recuse himself from the plunder case. ***With a report from AFP***

NBI wants to see Ilusorio's last will

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Wycoco said the NBI was not considering a foul-play angle in Ilusorio's death, and pointed out that the bureau did not involve itself in civil litigation.

"The NBI is not involved in the court cases among family members. Although we are aware of the cases, especially the one about separation of properties, these are civil (and not criminal) cases," he said.

Messy

In the messy family feud that even found its way to the Supreme Court, Erlinda and children Marietta, Shereen and Ramon were on one side while her other children, Sylvia Ilusorio-Yap, Maximo and Ma. Erlinda "Lin" Ilusorio-Bildner sided with their father.

Potenciano and Erlinda were married for nearly 60 years before he died, but reportedly started living apart as early as 1972 because he had allegedly taken a mistress.

In her autobiography, "On the Edge of Heaven," Erlinda claimed that Potenciano was later "dadnapped" in 1998 by Sylvia and Lin in order to "have him under their total control so he can sign over to them our conjugal assets."

Will

She wrote that "the closest my husband got to writing a formal will was in 1993 . . . He assigned the majority of the assets to me and our youngest daughter, Shereen."

She said that in June 1998, soon after Lin and Sylvia "took" their father, Potenciano purportedly changed his will, putting in a clause that would give Lin and Sylvia "free (rein) over the whole estate."

Erlinda claims that the two sisters and her daughter-in-law Christie Ilusorio cheated her out of a long list of real estate assets and company shares by allegedly manipulating Ilusorio.

The family's assets include several companies, as well as houses, condominium units and prime property in Makati, Baguio, Tagaytay, New York, including an apartment on 5th Avenue in Manhattan (given to Lin) and penthouses in Pacific Plaza, in Legaspi Village in Makati.

Ilusorio, a crony of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, once held a controlling interest in the Philippine Overseas Telecommunications Co. (POTC), according to the Presidential Commission on Good Government, which investigated his alleged involvement in at least one anomalous deal.

Ilusorio also held 216 shares in the Baguio Country Club, and actively traded in blue-chip stock at the Philippine Stock Exchange, Erlinda said.

Melodrama

The soap opera-like domestic strife tantalized Filipinos when Erlinda went to court in early 1999 to accuse Sylvia and Lin of preventing her from living with, talking to and seeing their father, and asked for P13 million in damages and million in lawyers' fees.

In the melodrama that followed, accusations and civil suits flew, with, for example, Potenciano getting a court order against his wife restraining her from coming within 500 meters of his person, and Erlinda claiming that her husband was a victim of a neurological disorder.

The family made headlines during one court appearance when a hysterical Erlinda threw herself onto the hood of Potenciano's car, to prevent him from leaving the premises without talking to her.

Her ploy didn't work. The car drove off.

'I feel born again,' says North Korean grandmother

(From page A1)

ing the North Korean family landed at 6:13 p.m. (0913 GMT) at the Inchon International Airport, 50 kilometers west of Seoul, following a four-hour flight from Manila.

Kim, 16-year-old grandson Jang Gil-su and five other relatives said they fled their hunger-stricken communist homeland in January 1999, joining thousands of North Koreans believed to be living in hiding in China to seek food and a chance to travel to democratic South Korea.

The North Koreans smiled brightly at the terminal guarded by hundreds of policemen and waved at a crowd of reporters shouting: "Happy to see you."

Officials then whisked them off aboard a minibus with darkened windows to an intelligence agency safe house for North Korean defectors in Seoul.

The seven—a couple, their two children, two grandparents and a nephew—barged into the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' office in Beijing on Tuesday, refusing to leave until they were granted passage to South Korea.

They said they faced persecution if they were sent back to authoritarian North Korea, a claim rejected by Pyongyang as a smear campaign.

Rare clearance

A treaty between longtime allies China and North Korea requires Beijing to deport fleeing North Koreans. But Beijing gave the family rare clearance to leave for a third country on Friday.

A Singapore Airlines Boeing 777 jet immediately flew the family out of Beijing for a brief stopover in Singapore and then for an overnight stay at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

China may have sought to avoid international outrage two weeks before the International Olympic Committee decides on which city will host the 2008 Olympics. Beijing is considered a leading contender.

South Korea praised China's decision. North Korea, however, on Saturday accused UN officials of "unfair action and interference in its internal affair" by facilitating the family's move to rival South Korea.

Pyongyang said the move would aggravate relations between the two Koreas, which have improved greatly since the two sides had their first-ever summit in June last year.

"The UNHCR office illegally dealt with the issue of those border transgressors, the issue beyond its authority, and thus laid obstacles in the process of the inter-Korean reconciliation and incited confrontation on the Korean Peninsula," North's official news agency, KCNA, said.

Fallout avoided

Hoping to avoid diplomatic fallout with North Korea, officials in Singapore and Manila let the North Koreans transit through the airports but did not let them clear customs and enter their countries.

Officials of both countries also tried hard to keep the trip under wraps.

Sources at the immigration department in Manila said the seven stayed on the Singapore Airlines aircraft for four hours after landing at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport around eight on Friday night.

NORTH Korean refugees wave at Inchon International Airport—family members, grandparents, their daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren—seeking asylum in the non-Communist South as they arrived on Saturday after an arduous journey from China with stops in Singapore and the Philippines. REUTERS

They were brought to the Korean Air lounge shortly past midnight after local and foreign journalists had left the arrival area.

An immigration official said South Korean officials and a UNHCR representative visited the family at the lounge and later accompanied them on their flight to South Korea.

"They looked well rested. I asked an old man if they had a good sleep and he nodded," said the immigration official who declined to be identified.

Airport sources said the family boarded the Asiana flight from a cargo elevator used by a food catering van.

Sources said they saw some people moving from the container onto the Asiana aircraft before it took off at 1:30 p.m.

Amnesty International had warned the family could face punishment ranging from seven years in prison to execution if they returned to North Korea, which considers it a serious offense to leave without permission and to criticize the communist regime.

UNHCR officials said the family had a compelling case for being treated as political refugees.

Book of Drawings

They cited a book of drawings by at least one of the children that painted a grim picture of famine in North Korea and the family's flight to China.

The book, published last year in South Korea, consists of color crayon-like drawings of the family's escape, including armed soldiers in guard towers, people in handcuffs and a sick figure eating a rat.

North Korea said the family of seven should not be considered refugees, insisting they were among many hungry North Koreans illegally crossing the border into China to seek food, "ready to come back once conditions in the homeland get better."

"The dishonest forces and intelligence agents of South Korea . . . have long employed every base means to take such border transgressors to South Korea so as to use them for an insidious political purpose," KCNA said.

Embarrassment

A human rights activist in Seoul, who is knowledgeable about the case, said a South Korean businessman took the family to the UNHCR office in Beijing.

"The action was a great embarrassment for South Korean authorities as they had not been informed at all about the asylum bid," the activist said on condition of anonymity.

A six-year famine in North Korea has killed as many as 2 million people, according to a US congressional report.

So far this year, about 190 North Koreans have defected to South Korea. Last year, 312 North Koreans fled to South Korea, up sharply from 148 in 1999.

Hwang Jang-yop, a former confidante of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, fled to South Korea's consulate in Beijing in 1997. After a five-week diplomatic standoff, he was allowed to go to Seoul, traveling through the Philippines, where he stayed for a month in a secret place.

The Korean Peninsula was divided into the communist North and the pro-Western South in 1945. Their 1950-53 Korean War ended without a peace treaty, and their border remains sealed.

Seoul has spearheaded a drive for improved ties with the North following a summit between the country's leaders last year that was designed to bring to a close half a century of confrontation.

But contact between the countries has stalled in recent months, partly because of a more cautious approach to the North by US President George W. Bush. ***Reports from AP, AFP, Reuters and TJ Burgonio***

Dog misses flight to London

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dog" story but for two details:

- Baybay was "adopted" by two British tourists who found him.
- He was to fly to the United Kingdom on the day he went missing.

Linda Williams was enjoying her vacation in the world-famous Boracay in May when she saw an emaciated dog sleeping under a diving shop billboard.

She fed the stray some chips and, during her three-week stay in the island resort, he followed her and her daughter Cindy on their daily trips to the beach.

They named him Baybay and eventually decided to keep him.

With the help of the manager of their hotel and the staff of a coffee shop, the dog was fed and given a good shampoo.

He was put in a box and traveled with Linda and Cindy to Kalibo by boat.

There, the Williamses met a Physics teacher who advised Linda to take Baybay to a vet. In turn, the vet agreed to care for him for the duration of the quarantine required of dogs entering the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Linda and Cindy returned to England.

Baybay was then taken to a house in White Plains, Quezon City.

He was scheduled to fly to London via British Airways on June 21. But tragically, a few hours before his flight, he apparently slipped out the open gate of the White Plains house where he was staying, and has not been seen since.

Linda's sister Jackie Williams, who is still in the Philippines, has tried all means to locate Baybay, including putting up "missing" posters and visiting dog pounds.

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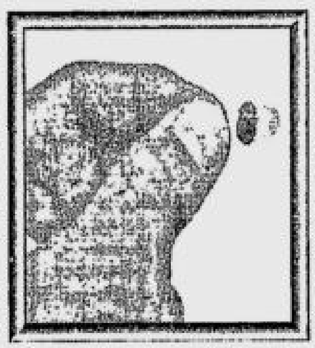

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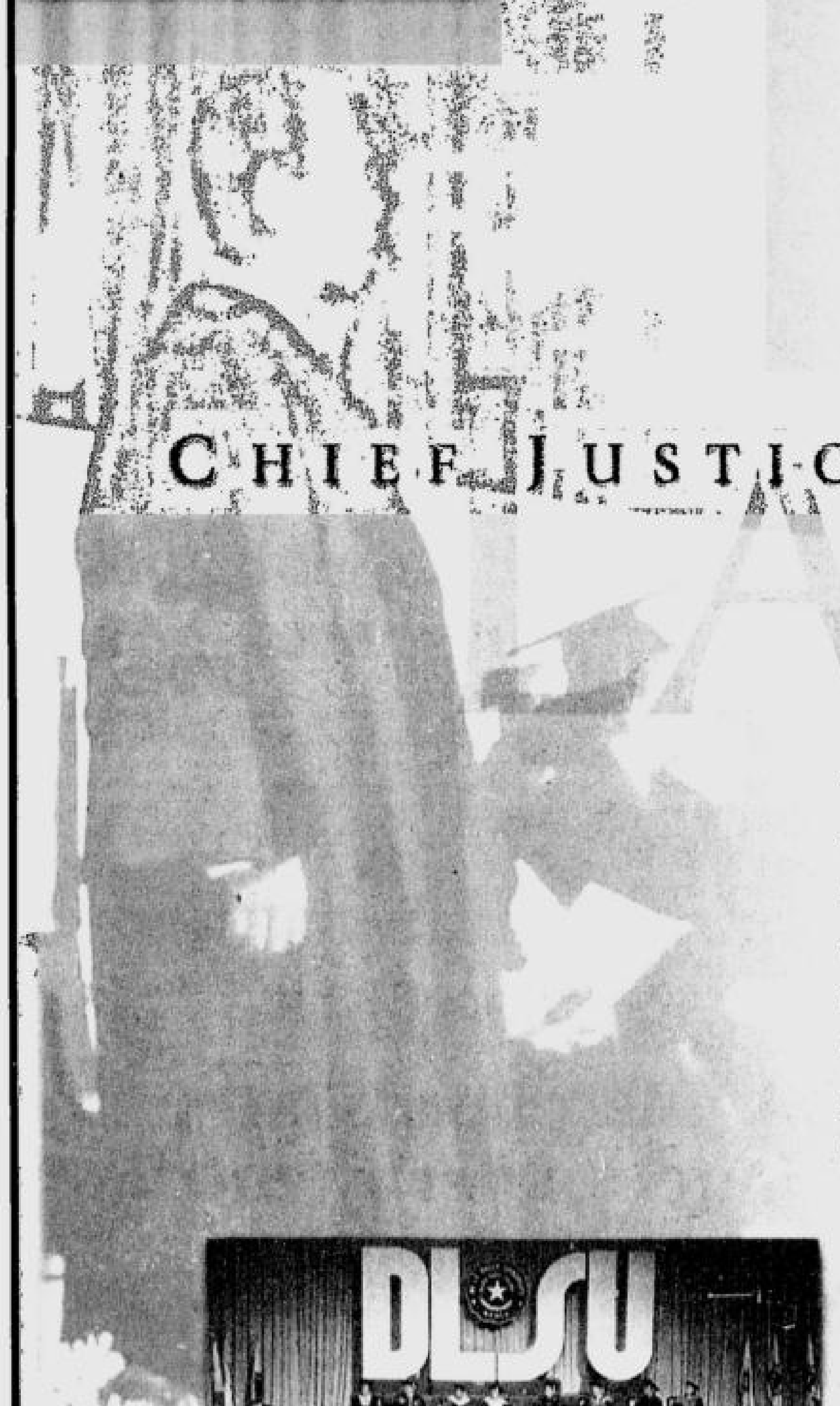

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Ivanisevic overcomes 'demons,' ousts Roddick

Sampras, Capriati extend Wimby win streaks

WIMBLEDON, England—Needing one point for victory, Goran Ivanisevic found himself confronted by demons from a decade of disappointment at Wimbledon.

He was beating Andy Roddick but losing his cool and suddenly unable to move.

"I just wanted to win so badly that I just freeze for two seconds," said Ivanisevic, acknowledging his fragile psyche in fractured English. "I stand on the baseline, said, 'Gee, what am I doing here?'"

Ivanisevic lost the point but the crisis passed, and four points later he closed out the victory he so desperately sought. With an eye-popping 41 aces and marvelous net play Friday, the colorful Croat took the biggest step yet in his career comeback by ending Roddick's Wimbledon debut, 7-6 (5), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

It was Ivanisevic's 56th Wimbledon match and Roddick's third. Afterward they conversed briefly at the net.

"I just said, 'That was impressive. I'm cheering for you the rest of the way,'" Roddick said. "That was just a lesson on how to serve and how to play on grass."

Roddick, 18, heads home to Florida consoled that his performance over the past month confirmed his potential to become America's next Grand Slam champion. Ivanisevic, 29, moves into the fourth round Monday against Briton Greg Rusedski, who has lost all eight of their previous matches.

"I'm into the second week of a Grand Slam, which I don't think anybody would bet on that before I come here," Ivanisevic said.

Others reaching the final 16 in men's play included Pete Sampras, Marat Safin, Tim Henman and Todd Martin. Sampras, who struggled through a five-setter against Barry Cowan on Wednesday, bounced back with an easy win over Sargis Sargsian, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

The victory was Sampras' 31st in a row at Wimbledon, matching Rod Laver's longest streak. They trail only Bjorn Borg, who won 41 straight.

Jennifer Capriati extended her own streak—17 wins without a loss this year in Grand Slam tournaments—by winning the final five games to beat Tatiana Panova 6-4, 6-4. Serena Williams also advanced.

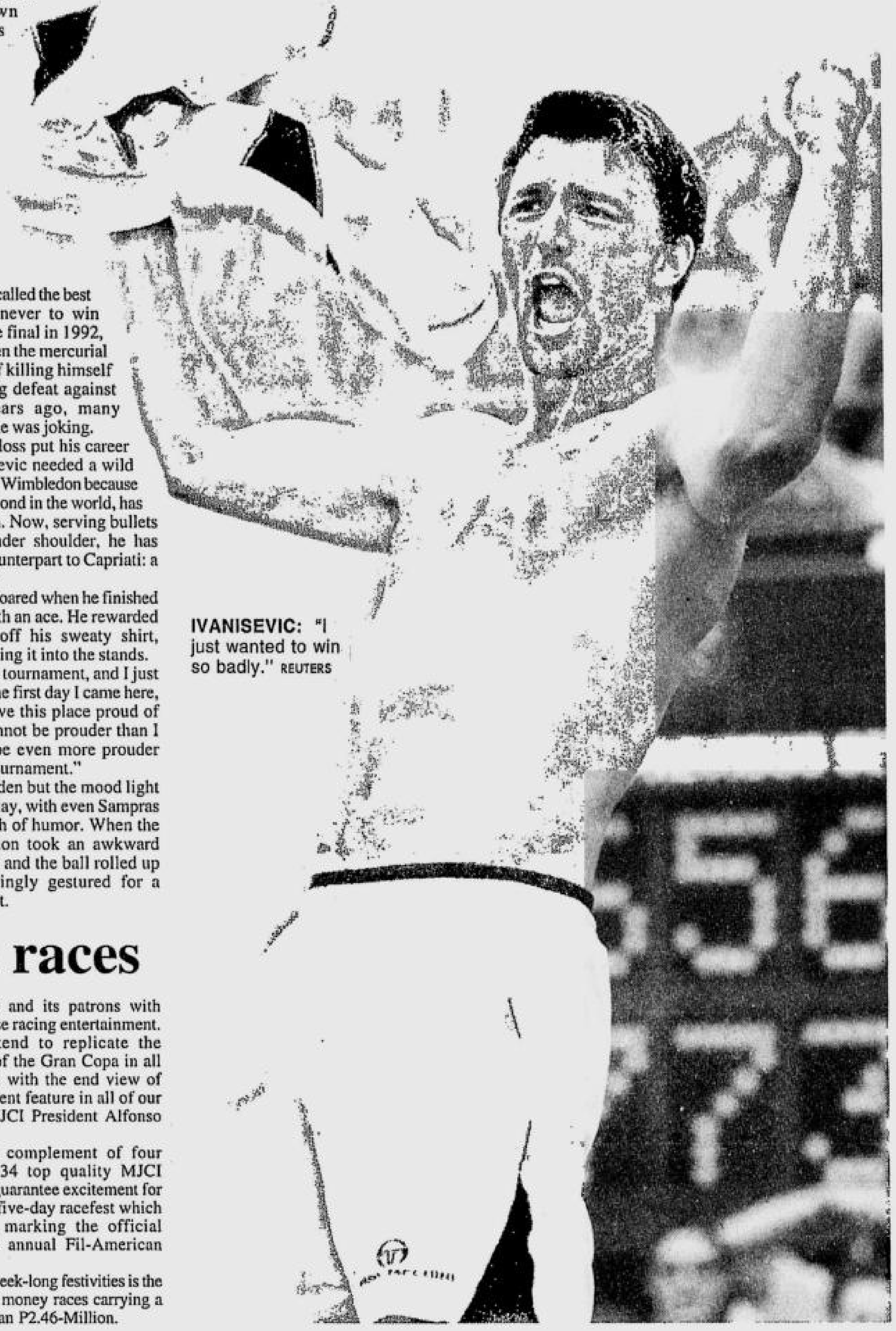
Ivanisevic, often called the best grass-court player never to win Wimbledon, lost the final in 1992, 1994 and 1998. When the mercurial left-hander talked of killing himself after the devastating defeat against Sampras three years ago, many wondered whether he was joking.

He was, but the loss put his career on the skids. Ivanisevic needed a wild card this year to enter Wimbledon because his ranking, once second in the world, has plummeted to 125th. Now, serving bullets again despite a tender shoulder, he has become the male counterpart to Capriati: a sentimental favorite.

Fans on Court 1 roared when he finished off his latest win with an ace. He rewarded them by yanking off his sweaty shirt, kissing it and throwing it into the stands.

"It's the greatest tournament, and I just love it," he said. "The first day I came here, I said I want to leave this place proud of myself. So far I cannot be prouder than I am. I think I can be even more prouder when I finish this tournament."

The sky was leaden but the mood light on the fifth day of play, with even Sampras showing a rare flash of humor. When the seven-time champion took an awkward tumble on the lawn and the ball rolled up his shorts, he jokingly gestured for a ballboy to retrieve it.



IVANISEVIC: "I just wanted to win so badly." REUTERS

MJC hosts Fil-Am races

FRESH from its highly successful staging of the 22nd Gran Copa de Manila Racing Festival last week, the Manila Jockey Club Inc. will hold another major racing event—the Fil-Am Friendship Racing Festival—this coming weekend at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The recent Gran Copa Week was capped by an all-time single day record gross of P41.59-million.,

The upcoming racefest will once again highlight local racing at its best with another explosive five-day parade of stakes and special races culminating in the Horseman's Cup, the third and final leg of the Philippine Triple Crown series.

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Headlining the week-long festivities is the running of four top money races carrying a total pot of more than P2.46-Million.

Palace Hero's heartbreaking loss

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THE FOLLOWING letter was supposed to come out last week but it didn't due to space limitations.

But since the Gran Copa fever is still here, let me share with you this very interesting piece sentby Mr. Mauricio N. Mamintan, a veteran *karerista* from Burbank Subdivision, Lagro, Quezon City.

It's all about the Gran Copa races and a guy named Peter Morrison. Read on:

Dear Edwin,

First of all, I'd like to greet all racing fans, particularly those living in the Big City a very happy Araw ng Maynila!

It's Gran Copa day again on Sunday (June 24) and for the past 10 years or so I always make it a point to be at San Lazaro not only to bet on my favorite and watch the races.

Main reason why I never miss being there on that day is this guy Peter Morrison.

According to the Manila Jockey Club, he is called the "Great Southern Caller." I don't know why but maybe because he is from Australia.

I'm sure a lot of *kareristas* share my sentiments toward Mr. Morrison, who easily lights up Araw ng Maynila with his race-calling antics.

Though unfamiliar with local ears, his style simply puts to shame our own announcers, except for one called JR Cabansag.

Every June 24, I also make it a point to bet on longshots when it's Morrison who's on the mike. *Malamang kasi dehado ang nananalo pag sya ang nag-aannounce at alam na rin ito ng mga kareristang Pinoy.*

So this Sunday, I'll surely be at San Lazaro again to hear Morrison call the races.

Thanks a lot and more power to you and your widely read One Winner!

Mauricio N. Mamintan

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No night is complete for us Quezon City-bound PDI sports staffers without dropping by at Dencio's to have a drink or two.

Last Tuesday night, we had a very special guest in the person of Rudy Mendoza, who despite the drizzle, strode in as the gang—Rey, Arnold, Dennis, Marc, Ayos, Junior and myself—was about to start the *inuman* rolling.

Rudy, dapper as usual, proved to be an instant hit with the guys, particularly those who had just met him for the first time.

Talks ranged from the PBA (Paolo Mendoza, Norman Black) to the PBL (Ana Freezers' third-place feat) and of course, Rudy's first love horse racing.

Rudy lamented Palace Hero's heartbreaking loss to Hyperbid in the Gran Copa Division II on June 24.

"*Panlabing-tatlong sunod na nya sana*," said Rudy, referring to Palace Hero's winning streak.

Rey, one of Project 6's avid *kareristas*, reminded Rudy of how Val Dilema, aboard his other entry My Preperido, gave Hyperbid (handled by Oyet Alcasid) an opening along the rail which gave the latter a chance to slip past Palace Hero.

Rudy just smiled and said: "*Talagang ganyan sa* horse racing. *Pero natutuwa ako kahit natalo si* Palace Hero *yung* performance *pa rin niya ang usap usapan sa karera*."

When Rudy left, Rey quipped: "*Sana lahat ng* horseowners *ganyan kabait ni* Sir Rudy."

If his hectic schedule permits him, Rudy promised to have more nights with the boys at Dencio's in the coming days.

"*Okey daw kasi ang* company *niyo*," Dennis said.

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So we have a new Philracom chairman in Andrew Sanchez.

Question now is will he be able to steer the racing body better than his predecessor?

Tingnan natin kung ano ang pruweba nito!

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Tour de Force 2. Shuttle's Best 3. Katya 4. Inside Treasure
Race 2—1. Khazan 2. Accommodating 3. Majestic Ruler 4. Something Different
Race 3—1. Empowered 2. Winning Prize 3. Morning Nell 4. Headliner 5. Fortius
Race 4—1. Grand Dancer 2. Beauty and Grace 3. Sun Chief 4. I'll Be There
Race 5—1. Family Task 2. Power Pack 3. Midnight Rose 4. Chief Navigator
Race 6—1. American Beauty 2. Altron 3. Plus Factor 4. Perry's Will 5. Early Warning
Race 7—1. The Warrior 2. Gemstone 3. The Magician
Race 8—1. Beatitudes 2. She's So Sure 3. Ever Green 4. Nervioso
Race 9—1. Silver Story 2. Sonata 3. Hyperbid
Race 10—1. Noble House 2. Pilato 3. Red Thunder 4. Dressed to Impress
Race 11—1. Eagle Song 2. Heart of Gold 3. Talk to Patsy 4. Call to Action 5. Expresso
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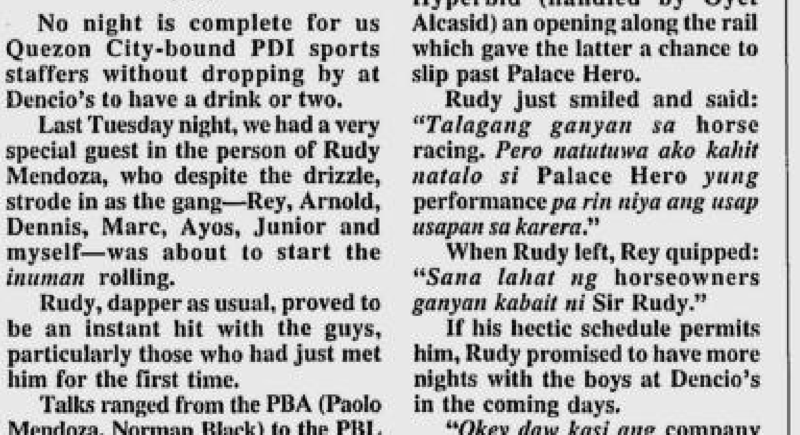
Race 13—1. Howard Huge 2. Joker's Wild 3. Extra Strength 4. Golden Tale 5. Golden Prince



SUBIC GP

FERDINAND Ong (left) of Rota-Speedwelle-Outlast Battery shows the way during the eighth round of the Blaze super saloon category in the Petron Grand Prix at the Subic International Raceway. Ong topped the event organized by the Sports Values Inc. and sponsored by Petron.

Greene, Jones prevail

ROME—American 100-meter stars Maurice Greene and Marion Jones cruised to victory Friday at the Golden Gala meet, each notching solid times at the summer's first major event ahead of the World Championships in August.

Greene, the world-record holder, led out of the blocks on his way to a time of 10.01 seconds on Rome's Stadio Olimpico track.

In the women's 100, Jones notched a winning time of 10.96. The 25-year-old American was slow out of the blocks after a false start, but controlled the race by the 40-meter mark. *AP*

SMB faces Tanduay, eyes lead

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

PBA STANDINGS	W	L
Alaska	4	2
SMB	4	2
Purefoods	4	2
Red Bull	3	2
Sta. Lucia	3	3
Ginebra	3	3
Pop Cola	3	3
Tanduay	2	3
Mobiline	2	4
Shell	1	5

GAMES TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:15 p.m.—SMB vs Tanduay
6:30 p.m.—Pop Cola vs Red Bull

EVEN though coming from a defeat, San Miguel Beer can still take the solo leadership today with a victory over Tanduay Gold in the PBA Commissioner's Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Stung by Sta. Lucia Realty, 91-88, last Friday, the Beermen can recover a measure of pride and secure a quarterfinal playoff berth with a win in the 4:15 p.m. encounter.

But that depends on how the Rhummasters would rise to the challenge, considering that they won't have Bong Hawkins and might also miss Noli Locsin due to injury and ailment, respectively.

Purefoods beat Mobiline, 94-89, in overtime last night at the Cuneta Astrodome to improve its record to 4-2 and share first-place honors with San Miguel Beer and Alaska. Mobiline fell to 2-4.

Tanduay coach Derrick Pumaren said they are not going to field Eric Menk as an import just yet since Kevin Freeman proved that he can deliver.

"Right now we are relying on Kevin and the other guys to step up," said Pumaren of their reinforcement who steered Tanduay's rousing 87-81 win over Alaska Milk last Sunday.

"Coming from a loss, I know San Miguel will do everything to win the next game," said Pumaren. "And they will be eager to beat us."

However, if the Rhummasters play the kind of game they displayed last Sunday in inflicting the Aces' first defeat, it could be a different story.

Pop Cola and Batang Red Bull slug it out for a fourth win in the second game.

The Thunder can move up to second place with a victory in the 6:30 p.m. game, having a half-game edge over the Panthers at 3-2.

Negros tries to halt skid

BY ROY LUARCA

MBA FIRST PHASE

Standings	W	L
Andok's S. Juan	6	2
Negros	5	2
Cebuana Lhuillier	5	3
LBC Batangas	3	2
FedEx Laguna	2	2
Nueva Ecija	2	2
Davao	1	5
Socsargen	0	6

Games Today (San Luis Sports Complex)
Sta. Cruz, Laguna
3:00 p.m.—Davao vs Socsargen
5:30 p.m.—Negros vs Laguna

IT USED to be only Chris Clay. Now, the FedEx Laguna Lakers' opponents must also worry about Jeffrey Flowers.

How to stop the 6-foot-8 board crasher is surely on the battle plan of the Negros Slashers when they try to halt their skid against the Lakers at 5:30 p.m. today in the Metropolitan Basketball Association First Phase at the San Luis Sports Complex in Sta. Cruz, Laguna.

Flowers is pacing the league in scoring (28.25 points per game) and rebounding (17.5 boards per game), serving as the fulcrum of Laguna's offense in its wins over Socsargen (109-89) and Cebuana Lhuillier (100-95) that leveled its slate at 2-2.

The value of Flowers was accentuated in their game against the Gems when they still won despite the ejection of Clay, who missed the second half.

While the Lakers of coach Bonnie Garcia have turned hot, the Slashers have gone cold.

Out of sync, the Slashers were stunned by the Davao Eagles, 105-101, last Friday and tumbled out of the top spot with a 5-win, 2-loss record.

They first tasted defeat at the hands of the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems, 97-93, on June 22.

The first game at 3 p.m. pits cellar-dwellers Davao and Socsargen.

Davao carries a 1-5 slate, while Socsargen has yet to break into the win column after six games.

Meanwhile, the MBA commissioner's office is set to investigate the alleged punching by Gems coordinator Glenn Yusingco of technical committee head Bert Ortiz after the Cebuana Lhuillier-Andok's San Juan tussle Friday night.

Pacquiao guest in sports show

NEWLY crowned IBF champion Manny Pacquiao leads the guests in a special episode of Milo Sporting World, the fast-rising Sunday sports program which airs its first anniversary show today at 3:30 p.m. over IBC-13.

Pacquiao, who beat South African Lehlohonolo Ledwaba in Las Vegas for the IBF super bantamweight crown en route to becoming a world champion for the second time, will discuss his plans for the future in the show hosted by Paolo Trillo and Jannelle So.

Four-time PBA MVP Alvin Patrimonio also graces the show, which is produced by Viva-Vintage and line-produced by Image Solutions.

Aguilar heads latest batch of derby entries

SPORTSMAN Nene Aguilar of Las Piñas heads the new batch of confirmed participants in the 'Pasay City Cockpit 14th Anniversary 5-Cock Derby' on July 19 to 21.

At stake in this event promoted by the PCC management is a whopping prize of P1 million.

Aguilar, who is well-known for the intelligent and fast shuffling Hulsey Lemon Greys, is among the 97 participants so far to the blockbuster event.

Others who registered yesterday are Boy Jakiri of Marikina, Tos Reyes, Benjie Lim, engineer Jun Sevilla, engineer De Leon, Tonette Luzuriaga, Dindo Vales, William Co, Toto Papag, Benson Sy, Roger del Rosario, Arnel Pimentel, Eric Larazabal, Anzel Cordora, Cesar Tangkad, Benjie Ledesma, Toto Lacson, Nene Yorac and Carding Ng among others.

"With more than two weeks to go before the event, it is very likely that the total number of participants will reach 150 since we are expecting an influx of walk-in participants," said pit managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano.

For inquiries, please contact 816-6750, 843-1890 and 843-1746.

Ali still a hit with crowd

CLEVELAND—Muhammad Ali can draw a crowd - even for a fee. Ali was the biggest attraction Friday at the 22nd National Sports Collectors' Convention, where dozens of well-known athletes and lesser-known luminaries signed cards, bats and posters for a price. About 125 collectors paid $300 each to get Ali's signature, $350 if it was on a boxing glove or other equipment, according to event organizers. *AP*

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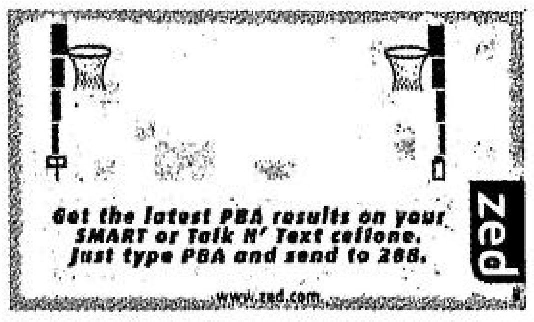
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CANTADA 4 BEHIND

Casas grabs 3-shot lead over Aussie

THE LEADERS
211—Cassius Casas (RP) 70-71-70
214—David Gleeson (Aus) 70-70-74
215—Gerard Cantada (RP) 70-71-74
217—Jason Dawes (Aus) 74-72-71
218—Danny Zarate (RP) 74-70-74

BY AL S. MENDOZA
Sports Editor

CASSIUS Casas, his routine pars on the critical finishing holes shielding him like foxholes against sniper fire, grabbed a 3-shot lead yesterday over erstwhile leader David Gleeson of Australia in the 86th Philippine Open at Wack Wack.

Casas, 34, shot a 2-under-par 70 for a 5-under-par 211 that gave him a 4-stroke lead over Gerard Cantada, who matched Gleeson's 74 as the flightmates provided drama on the penultimate day of the tournament co-presented by Casino Filipino and San Miguel Beer.

Casas, who struggled this season because he changed his back swing, grabbed the lead with a birdie on the second hole in the fabled Open that stakes a Mitsubishi Lancer as a hole-in-one prize.

Blast-in birdie

But Cantada caught him with a blast-in birdie on the 8th before the two made bogey on the 9th, allowing Gleeson to recapture the lead at the turn.

Two holes later, Casas birdied the par-4 11th to grab a 2-shot lead over Cantada and one over Gleeson. With Gleeson making bogey on 12, Casas moved up 2 shots clear of the two with 6 holes to go.

Another birdie on the par-5 14th gave Casas a 3-shot margin over Gleeson and Cantada. And then came the misadventures of Gleeson and Cantada on the last four holes.

"I'm glad to be on top, finally," said Casas, whose best finish in the Open was third in 1995 in Davao's Apo won by Mexican Carlos Espinosa. "I'll go all out tomorrow to win it."

So tough was the rain-softened Wack Wack East that Casas' 70 was one of only 5 sub-par rounds for the day, with defending champion Gerald Rosales shooting the day's best, a 69, that put him 10 shots behind the leader.

Gleeson, 23, and Cantada, 24, struggled coming home, with the Australian bogeying 18 in a 3-bogey, 1-birdie effort for 214. Gleeson said he grappled no end with what he described as "bad irons and bad putting."

But Cantada had a more nightmarish finish than anybody among the 75 survivors from a starting field of 161.

Errant irons

After an 8-foot birdie on 15 to move to within 2 shots of Casas, Cantada lost three strokes on the next two holes on errant irons, pushing him 5 shots back behind Casas with one hole left.

Cantada missed the green on the par-4 16th. Bogey.

He missed the green anew on the par-3 17th—the hole he birdied the day before. Bogey? No. Double bogey.

"I kept hooking my irons all day," said Cantada.

Finding the left bunker on 17, Cantada's explosion barked at the elevated green. Sadly, it didn't bite, the ball rolling down the right bunker. Three on, two putts.

Credit it to his fortitude that Cantada birdied the last hole—from 40 feet.

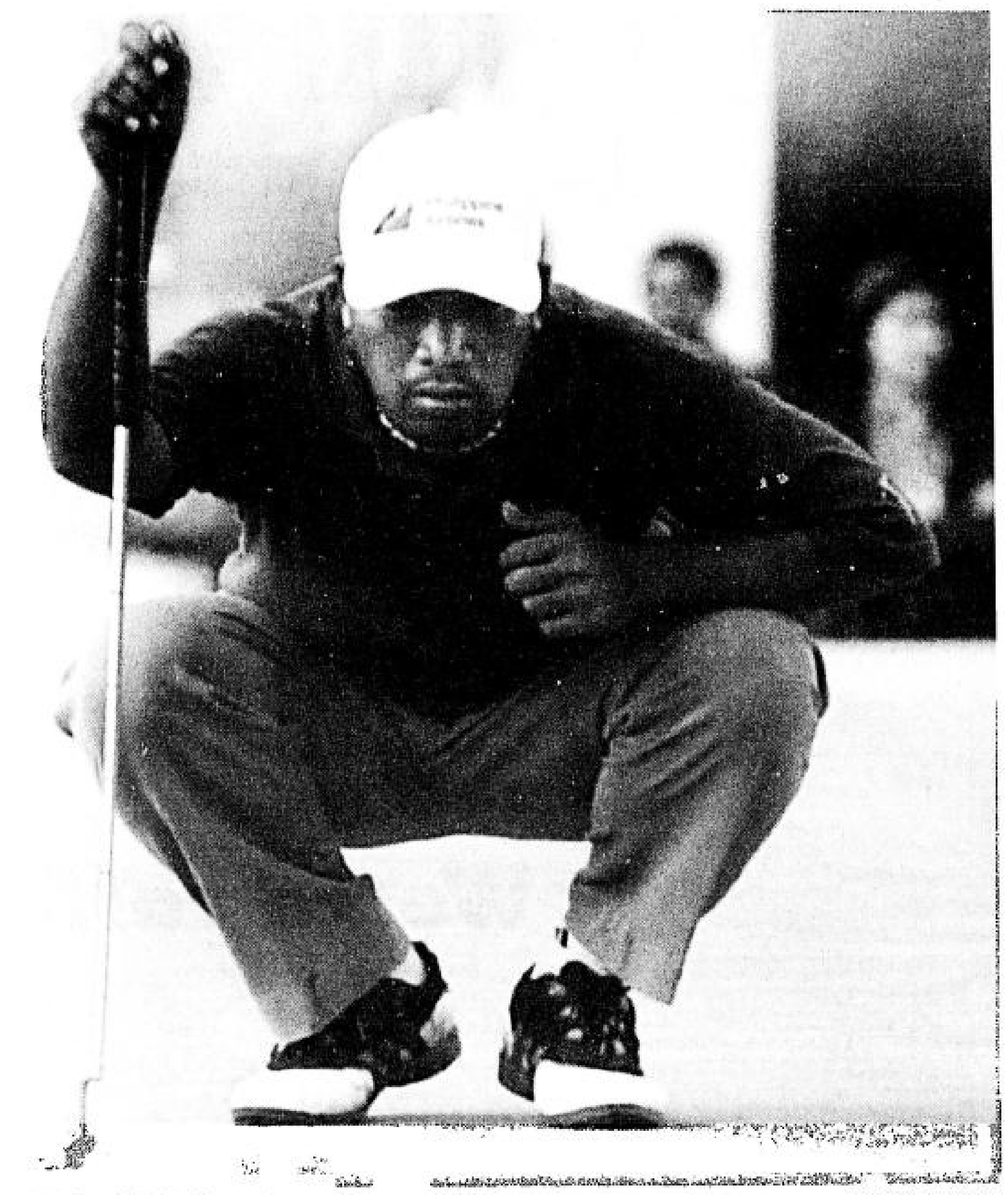
"I was okay until the 17th," said Cantada, who shot 70-71 previously. "But I'll still go out there and have fun tomorrow. I have nothing to lose but everything to gain."

The portly Cantada, debuting as a pro, drew a throng that either clapped or groaned with almost every shot their homegrown bet hit. They saw him not grab the lead. Still, they went home thrilled and contented, happy with the thought that their hero was in the thick of things with a round left.

"I thank them all," said Cantada, whose 74 looked like a 64 if one were to consider the fact that he hit only six greens. "I hope they will be back again tomorrow. And yes, I'll finally bring my Dad tomorrow."

Among the main backers of the tournament are The Herma Group, Unilab, Hope Luxury Cigarettes, Metrobank, Philtec Label, Wallem Shipping, Mizuno, PLDT, Cinnabon, Citgo, U-Bix, Unilever, Solahart, Citra Tollways, Shoemart, Hanjin Shipping, Bingo Bonanza, Caffe Appassionato, Electrobus and Rudy Project.

Other scores:
219—David Bransdon (Aus) 73-70-76
220—Chi Bing Lam (Sin) 74-74-72
220—Rey Pagunsan (RP) 75-74-71
220—Rick Gibson (Can) 74-72-74
221—Pablo del Olmo (Mex)69-78-74
221—Angelo Que (RP) 69-73-79
221—Danny Delos Santos (RP) 72-75-74
221—Mars Pucay (RP) 76-73-72
221—Gerald Rosales (RP) 80-72-69
222—Paul Riley (Aus) 74-72-76
222—Derek Fung (HK) 72-75-75
222—Chien Bing Lin (Taipei) 75-77-70
222—Rodrigo Cuello (RP) 76-71-75
223—Dominique Boulet (HK) 77-74-72
223—Lito Rempojo (RP) 75-75-73
224—Lien Fu Lee (Taipei) 74-76-74
224—Chia Feng Ho (Taipei) 76-75-73
224—Jerome Delariarte (RP) 75-73-76
225—Rafael Ponce (Ecuador) 75-77-73
225—Danny Chia (Mal) 76-76-73
225—Zaw Paing Oo (Mya) 76-73-76
225—Kuo Chang Tseng (Taipei) 78-75-72
225—Bobby Lincoln (SA) 76-75-74
225—Ollie Nordberg (Swe) 75-75-75
225—Aaron Meeks (US) 75-75-75
225—Juvic Pagunsan (RP) 80-73-72
225—Ruben Sasutil (RP) 73-73-79
225—Tony Lascuna Jr (RP) 73-74-78
225—Brad Kennedy (Aus) 76-76-73
226—Harmeet Kahlon (Ind) 79-73-74
226—Takamaro Hori (Jpn) 79-74-73
226—Benjie Magada (RP) 73-77-76
226—Dan Cruz (RP) 79-70-77
226—Michael Etherington (Aus) 76-73-77
227—Danny Willesdorf (Aus) 75-72-80
227—Nico Van Rensberg (SA) 76-74-77
227—Carito Villaroman (RP) 76-77-74
227—Edwin Estrera (RP) 72-79-76
227—Jun Jun Plana (RP) 75-75-77



CASAS: Glad to be on top.

ERNIE SARMIENTO

Que girds for the future

BY JONG ARCANO

HE may have lost his chance at history but Angelo Que feels the experience is something "for the reviewer" in the near future.

From a pesky title contender who's not even eligible to win a single cent from the P9.5 million prize money, Que crashed back to the sidelines after a third round 79 yesterday and will be merely playing to shoot stars today.

Two rounds of steady play had given Que the chance to become the first amateur in 34 years to win the Open since Taiwanese Hsu Sheng-san did it in 1967, also at Wack Wack.

"The past two days have given me something for my future plans," said Que, who dropped 10 strokes off the leading Cassius Casas.

"But I will definitely try to pull off something. I always play to win and I'll try to get back tomorrow," said Que, who leads Jherome Delariarte by three in his division.

The long-term plan is, of course, joining the pro ranks.

Que had already declared his intention of making 2001 his final year as an amateur.

Only last month, the 22-year-old Fil-Chinese joined the elite list of back-to-back winners of the Philippine amateur championship when he demolished Juvic Pagunsan in record-breaking fashion.

The Southwoods spearhead also has an Asian Games silver medal, a PAL Interclub individual title and a Southeast Asian Games gold medal.

Que also issued an urgent call to form the SEA Games as soon as possible.

Whether he and his fellow SEA Games aspirants will go through a 144-hole qualifying or get to the team outright does really bother Que.

"We just have to know what we really need to do to get on board," he said.

Rain

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE RAINS kept threatening the 86th Philippine Open but always, the tournament would always survive. You can never put a good tournament down. The Open would not have reached this far if it made a living on the low side of life.

Institutions have a way of outliving man, if not the elements.

It rained hard for the third straight day yesterday, beginning at about 2 p.m. But after five minutes, the rains stopped. Next, the sun shone brightly as though the rains were just a joke. Wack Wack East stood proudly in the sun.

Golf's main enemy has always been the rains. Include lightning. At times, the rains can be tolerated. Lightning? One player can stop a tournament, using lightning as an excuse.

One gutsy player in this tournament co-presented by Casino Filipino and San Miguel Beer is Gerald Rosales, the Open winner last year at Riviera.

Shooting an 80 in Round 1, Gerald fought back with a 72 in Round 2, and made the cut safely at 152—two shots clear of the cutoff mark of 154, one of the highest in Open history. In the Open, anything is possible.

Before Friday's Round 2, many had counted Gerald out, especially when he marked his ball on No. 13 Friday with a 1-over-par total for the day, and a 9-over-par for the tournament, after play was suspended due to rains.

But yesterday, teeing off at about 6 a.m. to complete his remaining six holes of Friday's round, Gerald battled back with a 1-under-par effort for that 72. He made it with an 8-over-par after two days in this series that stakes a Mitsubishi Lancer as a hole-in-one prize.

Way to go, *bebe*.

Inspired somewhat, Gerald shot a day-best 69 yesterday for a 5-over-par total for the tournament. He is 10 behind leader Cassius Casas. In golf, no lead is safe, no margin is insurmountable. Thus, if Gerald shoots a 64 today, he might yet win it. In golf, you can never tell what's going to happen. It's like lotto: You'll never know when you're going to win. It's like a hole-in-one: It just comes. Often, you get it at a most unexpected moment. The trick is not by quitting but rather, by plodding on, by being patient.

Rain or no rain.

SPORTS ON TV

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MOTOR SPORTS: 2001 F1 Qualifying - French Grand Prix Qualifying at 7 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

Race Day - French Grand Prix at 7 p.m. on Star Sports

2001 F1 - French Grand Prix at 7:45 p.m. on Star Sports

Chequered Flag - French Grand Prix at 10 p.m. on Star Sports

CART Grand Prix of Cleveland tomorrow at 1 a.m. on ESPN

GOLF: PGA Canon Greater Hartford Open, Third Round at 9 a.m. on Star Sports

Golfglobe 2001 at 5:30 p.m. on Star Sports

U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship, Third Round at 9:30 p.m. (r), Final Round tomorrow at 3 a.m. on ESPN

TENNIS: Wimbledon, Day 6 Highlights at 8 a.m. (r – 6 p.m.) on Star Sports

ATP Tennis Show at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN

SWIMMING: 2001 National Synchronized Swimming Championship at 7:30 a.m. on ESPN

VOLLEYBALL: Montreux Volley Masters - 5th Place Game at 9 a.m. (r), 3rd Place Game at 8 p.m. on ESPN

BOWLING: PBA Las Vegas at 1:30 p.m. on ESPN

CGU Asian Bowling Tour Semifinals and Finals at 4 p.m. on ESPN

BASKETBALL: WNBA Action at 12:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

SOCCER: CNFL 2001 Pepsi Cola League at 3:30 p.m. on Star Sports

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GOLF WATCH

Hurst registers course record

ABSECON, New Jersey — Pat Hurst shot a course and tournament record-tying 63 Friday to take the lead in the opening round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic. Hurst, who finished tied for second in last year's tournament, chipped in from 30 feet (9 meters) out for an eagle on the par-5 475-yard (432-meter) No. 3 and went on to make six birdies. Her finish on the hot, breezy Marriott Seaview Resort course tied a record set by Se Ri Pak in 1999 and tied last year by Maria Hjorth. It put Hurst two shots ahead of Betsy King, Lorie Kane and Dina Ammaccapane, who were all at 6 under after 18 holes. Three others were at 66. Hurst, 32, said the memory of her runner-up finish to Janice Moodie last year helped inspire her. "I had a lot of good memories and that helped me," she said. "And the eagle on No. 3 jump-started me." *AP*

Wimbledon inspires Montgomerie

MONTGOMERIE

CORK, Ireland—Colin Montgomerie, gaining inspiration from watching Wimbledon, shot a 2-under-par 69 at Fota Island Friday to maintain his lead in the second round of the Irish Open. The Scottish world number nine, who broke out of a slump with an 8-under-par 63 Thursday, started slowly and dropped two strokes on his first eight holes. He began his round at the 10th as a strong, gusty wind made scoring difficult. But he birdied the long 18th and then collected three birdies in succession from the 4th on his second nine as he reached a total of 132, 10 under par. Englishman Anthony Wall was closest to Montgomerie after two rounds, shooting his second straight 67 for a 134 total. Thomas Bjorn of Denmark snatched the lead midway through the round but two bogeys on his last three holes dropped him back to 7-under after a 69. *AP*

8 players tied for GHO top spot

CROMWELL, Connecticut —Joe Ogilvie shot a 6-under-par 64 in windy afternoon conditions for a share of a record-matching, eight-man tie for the lead in the Greater Hartford Open. Ogilvie matched Jerry Kelly, Chris DiMarco, Scott Simpson, Doug Dunakey, Shigeki Maruyama, Edward Fryatt and Jay Don Blake at 8-under 132 on Friday on the TPC at River Highlands. The eight-man tie for the top spot matched the tour record set in the first round of the 2000 Honda Classic. Ogilvie, winless in three PGA Tour seasons, holed a 7-iron shot from 176 yards (160 meters) for eagle on his opening hole - the 462-yard (420-meter), par-4 10th - and had six birdies and two bogeys. "The wind totally changed," Ogilvie said. "Yesterday on No. 1, I think I had 90 yards (82 meters) to the front. I hit a sand wedge. Today, I hit a 5-iron. That's two totally different deals. "The fairways are really starting to dry out and I think the greens will start drying out as well." *AP*

Tiger can't dance, says father

BLOOMINGTON, Illinois—It's a good thing Tiger Woods pumps his fist after making a big shot. A dance would be a disaster, his father insists. It seems the greatest professional golfer of today—and maybe ever—can't dance. "He has very little rhythm," said Earl Woods, in Bloomington this week to speak at Illinois Wesleyan University. "His teammates at Stanford used to laugh at him at parties when he would dance, or try to dance." The elder Woods also says it's a good thing his son's great shots don't elicit songs. "Tiger can't carry a tune in a bucket," his father said. "He used to sing 'Jingle Bells,' and he would embarrass the heck out of me." *AP*

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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Malonzo's appointment as OIC raises tension

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

POLITICAL tension is running high in Caloocan City following President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of her ally, Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo, as OIC mayor of the city.

Malonzo yesterday took his oath as OIC beneath the statue of national hero Andres Bonifacio in Monumento as his opponents, led by the Asistios, warned that his appointment would lead Caloocan toward political turmoil.

But Malonzo dismissed the warnings of his political opponents.

"If they want to protest, I can also rally my supporters and show them on whose side the people are," Malonzo said during a news conference after his oath taking.

He said those protesting the designation of himself and his allies as officers-in-charge were "losers" who did not represent the majority of the electorate.

One of the protesters, Macario "Boy" Asistio, said Malacañang should have appointed "anybody but Malonzo."

Boy Asistio said there are other people more deserving to be named OIC mayor.

He said it was unfair for the Macapagal administration to appoint Malonzo because he was a candidate during the May 14 elections, and a candidate allied with the administration at that.

"But that is only the voice of Asistio speaking, he is not speaking for the people," Malonzo said in response.

Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. administered the oath to Malonzo, Vice Mayor Luis Varela and the city's councilors, which included street activist Nathaniel Santiago.

Malacañang designated them OICs since the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has yet to resolve the election complaints the Asistios filed against Malonzo.

The Asistios want the Comelec to declare a failure of elections in Caloocan due to alleged irregularities in the polls.

"The government did this to avoid a vacuum (in the city leadership)," Abalos told the crowd that gathered around the Bonifacio monument during the oath-taking ceremony.

Malonzo's second term as mayor ended exactly at noon yesterday. The oath-taking ceremony started at 12:20 p.m.

Abalos said the appointments were not a partisan move. He noted that three pro-Asistio candidates were designated OIC councilors.

But Macario and other Asistio allies warned that "trouble" would erupt in Caloocan if Malacañang appointed Malonzo.

But they maintained that they would oppose Malonzo through legal means.

The Asistio camp said it would question the legality of Malonzo's appointment because it was tantamount to an illegal extension of the incumbent mayor's term in office.

They said the appointment violated the law that prohibits the appointment to any government position of candidates who ran in the latest election.

"We want to remove the stigma that there is (perennial) cheating during elections in Caloocan," Boy Asistio said. "And we are going to do that through a legal process."

IN THE shadow of the Bonifacio monument, Malonzo is declared OIC by MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. (left). VAL HANDUMON

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SMART Communications Inc. warned the public against text messages offering free text message reloads purportedly as rewards for forwarding these messages to other Smart GSM subscribers.

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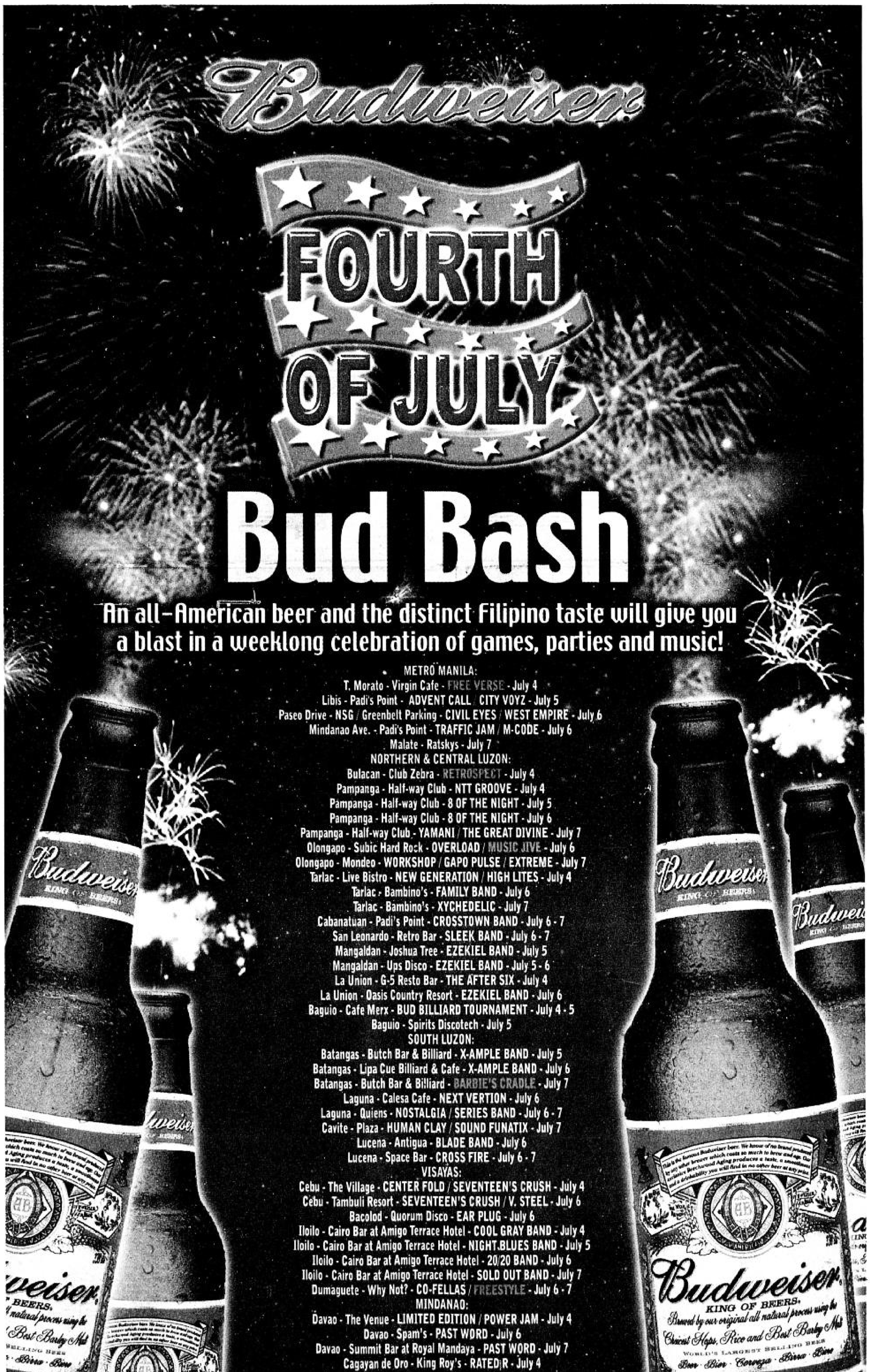
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Mehan project to continue–City Hall

DENR only wants explanation

THE construction of a new City College of Manila campus at the city's Mehan Garden will continue since environment authorities are only asking City Hall to explain the allegedly unauthorized cutting of trees at the project site.

City legal officer Melchor Monsod on Thursday said City Hall received a letter from the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources director for the National Capital Region, Corazon Davis, ordering Manila City Hall to explain within seven days why it should not be held liable for the alleged cutting of trees.

The DENR-NCR's director for environment, Sixto Tolento Jr., also wrote City Hall a letter asking it to explain within seven days why it should not be fined P50,000 for the allegedly unauthorized tree-cutting.

Davis' letter and the notice of violation issued by Tolentino, both dated June 28, were received by Mayor Lito Atienza's office at 3:15 p.m. the same day.

"We were not informed that there was such an error (for the suspension of the ECC)," said Monsod.

Neither Atienza nor Monsod, however, has issued any statement on the unauthorized cutting of trees.

When the mayor and Sen. Loren Legarda inspected the site last week, the city engineer reported that 11 coconut trees had been cut, and the only remaining trees were nine narra and three mahogany trees.

The legal officer said the only agreement reached between City Hall and the groups opposed to the project was that representatives of both parties would meet on July 4 at 9 a.m. at the DENR Region 4 office on Roxas Boulevard to try to arrive at a compromise.

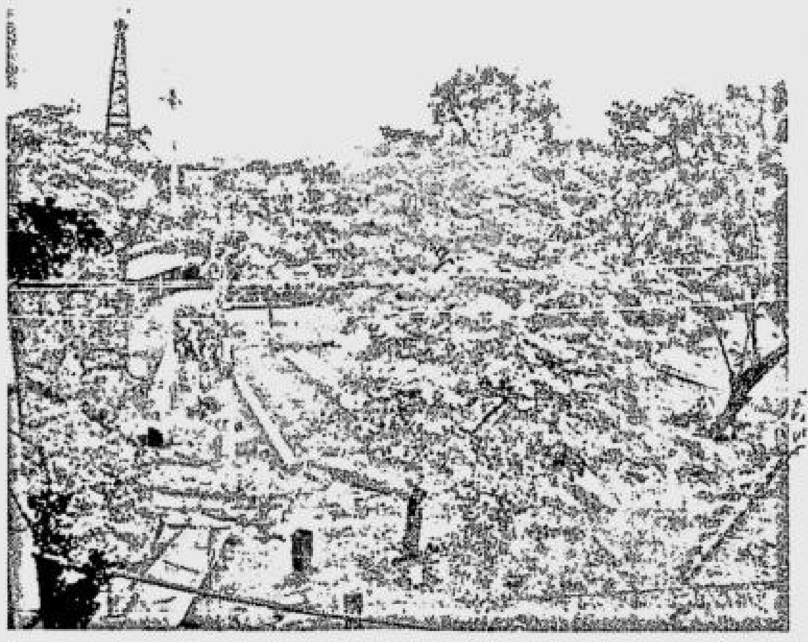
Monsod said Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez even set aside legal issues surrounding the project because he wanted to try to hammer out a compromise that would be acceptable to all the parties.

Cause-oriented groups, such as the Mother Earth Foundation and the Heritage Conservation Society, have opposed the project, saying the new campus would destroy the historical significance of the Mehan.

The National Historical Institute and the National Commission for Culture and Arts have also recognized the historical and cultural significance of the park, which was set up in 1858 as the Jardin Botanico.

But City Hall contended that only one-third of the 24,600-square-meter park would be used and that all trees that would be affected would be replanted elsewhere.

Atienza said the 6,000 CCM students need a new campus soon because the present campus, the former Philippine National Bank main office on Escolta Street, Sta. Cruz, is deteriorating.


A BUILDING grows in the Mehan Garden as construction continues.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

'Abu Sayyaf member' robbed

By Jerome Aning

AN OVERSEAS contract worker who had just arrived from abroad lost P200,000 to four men and a woman who claimed they were police officers and accused him of being a member of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, in San Miguel, Manila Saturday afternoon.

Gamar Kader Tamay, 37, married, a native of Lantawan, Basilan and a resident of Tatalon, Quezon City, said the five accosted him and his cousin Espaldon Aga Ladjasali at the corner of P. Casal Street and C.M. Recto Avenue at around 4 p.m. Saturday.

Tamay and Ladjasali were on board a taxi from the latter's house at the Quiapo Islamic Center where the former is temporarily staying. Tamay said he arrived from Saudi Arabia early last week.

A heavily tinted gray Honda Civic (TGX-457) pulled alongside the taxi when the latter stopped at a red light at the intersection. Two armed men alighted from the car, went inside the cab and pointed handguns at the two men.

"They accused us of being Abu Sayyaf members, which we strongly denied," Tamay told investigator PO3 Rommel Anicete of the city police's general assignments section.

The two gunmen directed the cab driver to turn left on Recto and then on a street at the back of the nearby Ever Gotesco mall, where they took an envelope from Tamay's bag containing P200,000 cash.

The gunmen then went back to the Honda Civic, where Tamay said he sighted three more people, including a woman.

Investigators think the suspects knew Tamay and had been spying on him for quite awhile because they apparently knew when he had the money with him and the time of his departure from the Islamic Center.

2 nabbed for robbing Magsaysay man

POLICEMEN caught two suspected pickpockets who allegedly stole P7,000 from an employee of Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. in Ermita, Manila Friday morning.

Jerold Jamin, 25, married, a resident of Laguna Extension in Tondo, Manila and custodian in the senator's office, said he was on board a Pasay City-bound jeepney when he was robbed by Alexander Estrada, 28, and Roberto Alcantara, 19, about 9 a.m. Friday.

He said the two men boarded the jeepney in Liwasang Bonifacio. While the jeepney was on Taft Avenue, Jamin became suspicious when Estrada, who was seated beside him, pushed against him.

When he was about to protest, Estrada and Alcantara suddenly alighted at the corner of Taft and Kalaw Street.

Jamin said the jeepney driver was screaming mad because the two men did not pay their fare. Then he noticed his wallet lying beside him, its contents missing.

Jamin said he alighted from the jeepney, ran after the suspects and asked for his money. He said Estrada was still holding several peso bills that came from his wallet.

He said the two men denied his accusations and even argued with him. Two policemen who happened to be passing by noticed the argument and approached them, which prompted the two suspects to run. *Jerome Aning*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 1, 2001
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: *1 K 19:16, 19-21*

Yahweh said to Elijah, "You shall also anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, as king over Israel; and Elisha, son of Shaphat, from Abel Meholah, you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

So Elijah left. He found Elisha, son of Shaphat, who was plowing a field of twelve acres and was at the end of the twelfth acre. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah and said, "Let me say goodbye to my father and mother; then I will follow you." Elijah said to him, "Return if you want, don't worry about what I did." However, Elisha turned back, took the yoke of oxen and slew them. He roasted their meat on the pieces of the yoke and gave it to his people who ate of it. After this, he followed Elijah and began ministering to him.

2nd Reading: *Gal 15:1, 13-18*

Christ freed us to make us really free. So remain firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. You, brothers and sisters, were called to enjoy freedom; I am not speaking of that freedom which gives free rein to the desires of the flesh, but of that which makes you slaves of one another through love. For the whole Law is summed up in this sentence: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* But if you bite and tear each other to pieces, be careful lest you all perish.

Therefore I say to you: walk according to the Spirit and do not give way to the desires of the flesh! For the desires of the flesh war against the spirit, and the desires of the spirit are opposed to the flesh. Both are in conflict with each other, so that you cannot do everything you would like. But let the Spirit lead you: this has nothing to do with submitting to the Law.

Gospel: *Lk 9:51-62*

As the time drew near when Jesus would be taken up to heaven, he made up his mind to go to Jerusalem. He had sent ahead of him some messengers who entered a Samaritan village to prepare a lodging for him. But the people would not receive him because he was on his way to Jerusalem. Seeing this, James and John, his disciples said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to reduce them to ashes?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went on to another village.

As they went on their way, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he answered, "Let me go back now, for first I want to bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their dead; as for you, leave them and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Another said to him, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to my family." And Jesus said to him, "Whoever has put his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of God."

Commentary:

Luke had to address a Christian community that was working too much on its inner consolidation and was thus in danger of losing its apostolic and prophetic dynamism within the wider world. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet who has a mission to fulfill. He is depicted as a person who is always on the way, and who goes from town to town to bring the lost sheep of Israel together again. Jerusalem is his final destination. In this context the disciples are invited to accept their own mission and become more prophetic and apostolic. They are called to detach themselves from their very narrow personal and community considerations and journey with the master to the great destiny of the Church, the new Jerusalem.

Father in heaven, we thank you for having chose us to be disciples of your Son. Grant that we may follow Him unconditionally.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CIVIL LAW (TORTS AND DAMAGES)/CRIMINAL LAW (CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY)—Award of moral damages in rape cases—The award of moral damages for rape is proper as it is provided in Article 2219 (3) of the Civil Code. In accordance with prevailing jurisprudence, accused-appellant should be made to pay P50,000.00 especially considering that the offended parties were of tender age at the time of the crime. In People v. Prades, it was rules that the award of moral damages to the victim is proper even if there was no proof presented during the trial as basis therefore. The fact that the complainant suffered the trauma of mental, physical and psychological sufferings which constitute the bases for moral damages are too obvious to still require the recital thereof at the trial by the victim, since the Court itself even assumes and acknowledges such agony on her part as a gauge of her credibility. [Citations omitted.] [*En Banc,* Justice Ynares-Santiago, People v. Sandoval, G.R. Nos. 132625-31, December 18, 2000]

Digest by R.B. Vera

US educators test in Manila

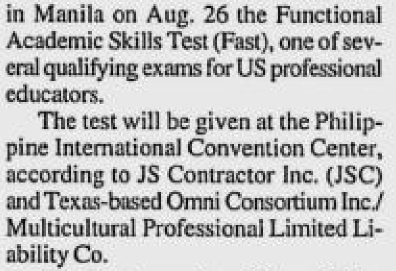
AMERICAN educators will administer in Manila on Aug. 26 the Functional Academic Skills Test (Fast), one of several qualifying exams for US professional educators.

The test will be given at the Philippine International Convention Center, according to JS Contractor Inc. (JSC) and Texas-based Omni Consortium Inc./Multicultural Professional Limited Liability Co.

Applicants must be a BA or BS degree holder from any accredited college or university with an average of 2.5 and should have at least two years of tutorial or teaching experience.

Teachers who pass the Fast and succeeding interviews with Texas school district officials will be processed for working visas.

Interested parties may call JSC at 527-55-36.


AMADEO A. Basto, an 11-year-old special child, has been missing since June 13. Deo was last seen wearing a red Jollibee cap, a denim polo shirt, denim pants and rubber shoes. If you know where he is, please call his mother Amelia Basto at home at 941-41-40 or at the office at 650-51-72, 650-51-75 or 644-87-80, the San Mateo, Rizal police at 297-08-93, or Barangay Captain Nanding Salvador at 998-26-65.

Eusebio wife takes over in Pasig City

By Blanche S. Rivera

ANOTHER passing of the torch among family members took place yesterday as a former first lady of Pasig City was sworn in as its mayor amid afternoon festivities.

Pledging to continue the programs of the past administration, Soledad Eusebio replaced her husband, Vicente Eusebio, as mayor of the highly urbanized Pasig.

Eusebio, Vice Mayor Lorna Angeles-Bernardo and all 12 councilors of the Lakas-NUCD slate were sworn in by Executive Judge Edwin Dillasor at around 12 noon yesterday.

The oath taking ceremony followed a thanksgiving Mass held by the victorious party at 10 a.m. Lunch was served for the constituents who attended the event.

Like their neighbors, the Pasig City officials took their oath exactly on the date when the term of the incumbent officials ends.

Only congressman-elect Henry Lanot did not take his oath. Congressmen will be sworn in at the House of Representatives, according to a staff worker at the Pasig City government.

Eusebio said her administration would continue to put a premium on education and culture. She vowed to build a science high school in the city.

She said a bridge would also be built to ease traffic in the city, whose streets are clogged due to the large volume of vehicles passing the commercial area.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT Eduardo Zialcita (left) is sworn in by Vice President Teofisto Guingona as congressional representative of Parañaque City, witnessed by the new lawmaker's wife, Mrs. Claudine de Castro Zialcita.

Gays parade with pride

THE PROGRESSIVE Organizational Gays in the Philippines (Pro-Gay) led about 40 urban poor, professional, and student gays in the annual multi-sectoral Pride Parade in Malate, Manila, demanding an end to all forms of discrimination and harassment against gays.

The paraders wore customes depicting the different forms of discrimination that gays suffer. Marching behind the gay contingent were their friends, families and organizations of women, workers, government employees and youth.

A symbolic makeshift shanty depicted the hardships that gays go through in their everyday lives in order to survive. Sexist and discriminatory remarks were written on the shanty's walls.

"The militant gay movement has scored modest gains in winning acceptance and respect from the public since ProGay held the first pride parade in Asia in 1994," said ProGay spokesperson Mark Ambay. "But these gains need to be sustained by both gays and non-gays in order to prosper."

Michael Urbano, coordinator of the Kapisanan ng mga Baklang may Progresibong Organisasyon sa Polytechnic University of the Philippines (Kabaro-PUP), said gay youths have a hard time in schools at all levels because of widespread discrimination. "There are no laws that protect gays from harassment by school officials and their fellow students," Urbano said. "That is, if they could go to school at all."

He cited instances when gays were turned away or dismissed from their schools because of their sexual orientation.

"The widespread unemployment and contractualization of gays in the city are compounded by the refusal of employers to hire gays," lamented Weng Luarez, president of the Damdamin ng Baklang Nagkakaisa (Dambana). "Most think we cannot be trusted with money or our duties."

Luarez said he himself was forced to stop schooling because of grinding poverty. ProGay criticized the Macapagal government for failing to implement the gay agenda embodied in the People's Agenda and to expedite the trial of former President Joseph Estrada.

"It has been more than five months since Ms Macapagal took over, but she has yet to fulfill the promises she made to the people at Edsa," Ambay said.

He said gays join non-gays in calling for higher wages, real agrarian reform, and higher state subsidy for education and other social services.

Diner manager charged with theft

QUALIFIED theft charges were filed before the National Bureau of Investigation against the manager of a bankrupt restaurant who allegedly ran away with the establishment's equipment.

Restaurateur Peter Lee, a minority stakeholder of the Hong Kong Tea House, located near the corner of M.H. del Pilar and T.M. Kalaw streets in Malate, Manila, filed the complaint against Albert Muyot before the office of NBI Anti-Fraud and Division chief Efren Meneses.

Lee accused Muyot of taking the restaurant equipment from the premises on the ground floor of a building owned by Susan Reyes without the proper authority on June 18.

The building is about to be demolished. Reyes had it condemned to make way for a new building.

Lee explained that at the time of the alleged theft, the restaurant was already closed due to bankruptcy caused by mismanagement.

Lee used to manage the restaurant but he quit after some differences with his partners. He opened his own Peter Lee's Hong Kong Tea House restaurant though he still held a minority stake in the old restaurant.

He said Muyot should not have taken the restaurant equipment since it belongs to the holding company, Hong Kong Tea House Inc.

Lee said the equipment was also the subject of corrupt litigation. Still pending before a court is a labor case filed by the former employees of the restaurant against the majority owners, he said.

Lee said his wife Mary Lee, a former manager at the restaurant, also has a claim of P2.1 million against the company, the amount awarded to her by the courts when she won a lawsuit she filed last year for illegal dismissal.

EJERCITO

JV takes oath at Veterans hospital

By Blanche S. Rivera

JOSE Victor Ejercito, son of former president Joseph Estrada, yesterday took his oath as mayor of San Juan in private ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City, where his father and half-brother Jinggoy are temporarily detained on plunder charges.

JV, who has started using the surname Estrada for name recall in his town, was sworn in by Court of Appeals Justice Andres Reyes Jr. about 8 a.m. in a heavily guarded room at the VMMC.

Estrada's legitimate wife, Dr. Luisa Ejercito, also took her oath as senator in the same room at VMMC after JV was sworn in, but the two new officials did not meet in the hospital "for obvious reasons," sources said.

JV came with his mother, former actress Guia Gomez, touted to be one of Estrada's favorite mistresses. Gomez was known as the first lady of San Juan during Estrada's long reign.

JV and Dr. Ejercito chose to be sworn in at the VMMC after the court refused to allow Estrada and Jinggoy out of the hospital to witness their public oath taking, sources said.

Only the closest relatives and some officials of the Philippine National Police were present to witness both oath taking events, which were kept secret until the final arrangements were completed early yesterday.

JV submitted a written request to the PNP top brass on Thursday evening to allow him to take his oath at the VMMC where his father and half-brother could attend.

The young Ejercito and his mother were fetched by 10 PNP men led by Supt. Rodolfo de Garcia, San Juan police chief, from Gomez's San Juan residence before 8 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., the simple oath taking ceremony was over. Only breakfast was served to JV's family and friends.

Present during the ceremony were San Juan Rep. Ronaldo Zamora, Joey Estrada, former immigration commissioner Rufus Rodriguez, Senior Supt. Dominador Reyes and Supt. Rolando Dalangin, both of the PNP Legal Services; Estrada's physician, Dr. L. Jocson, Alex Reyes III, Carlo Reyes, Ernesto Cabullos, Rogelio Vinero, Eleuterio Salimpada, Evi Cardenas, Brenda Tuason, Carol Ethsons, Severo Pacheco and a certain Judge Rosete.

The media and the staff of the San Juan municipal government were banned from covering the event. But JV is set to hold a public oath taking ceremony at 7 a.m. tomorrow before his constituents.

Sources said yesterday's event was merely a "technicality meant to eliminate all possible legal entanglements" that could become a problem when JV formally takes over.

Most local officials take their oath on or before June 30, when the incumbent's term officially ends.

JV succeeds his half-brother Jinggoy, a three-term mayor of San Juan where the Estradas held sway over the past three decades.

Justice Reyes, who swore in JV as San Juan mayor, was appointed by the former president in May 1999. His father, Justice Andres Reyes Sr., was the one who swore in JV's father as mayor of San Juan many years ago.

Janice interviews Aga

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WHEN **Janice de Belen** pinch-hit for **Lyn Ching** on "S-Files" some weeks ago, she did so well that we urged the GMA 7 bosses to think up a show for her. Little did we know that they would simply ease Lyn out and give her other shows to do, so that Janice could become **Paolo Bediones'** co-host on a permanent basis.

That was a pretty rough trade, but perhaps the show's high ratings when Janice temporarily cohosted it gave Channel 7 the immensely pleasurable notion that, with Janice on hand, it could finally achieve its perfervid dream of vanquishing Channel 2's own Sunday afternoon show, "The Buzz," in the all-important ratings game.

In any case, after Lyn's tearful goodbye two weeks ago, a definitely beaming Janice was all present and accounted for on the show last Sunday. To make her "official" debut as cohost truly special and eminently viewable, the show whipped up a double-whammy that must have pulverized the competition: Janice in a one-on-one encounter with the newly-married **Aga Muhlach**.

What was so special about that? Well, for the benefit of deafmute quadriplegics who have been trapped in a cave at the base top of Mt. Mayon for the past 20 years, sometime in the late 1980s, Janice and Aga were teen lovers. Their affair produced a son, Luigi, but Janice chose not to marry Aga, so they remained cold and even combative for years—in fact, right up to their interview on "S-Files" last Sunday.

So, the interview was a must-see "event" for many viewers. How would the estranged former sweethearts relate to each other? Would there be tension on the set? Would old resentments flare up? Would there be recriminations, tears—even the still shouldering embers of a once and perhaps future love?

That last speculation was far-out, considering that Aga had just gotten hitched to **Charlene Gonzales**, and they were already expecting their twin firstborns. But you know how local movie fans are—they don't call them "die-hard" for nothing.

In any case, when Aga finally sat down to be interviewed by Janice last Sunday afternoon, everybody and his grandmother was watching—with bated breath and unblinking eyes. First impression: Aga and Janice were trying hard to look casual and relaxed, but they felt awkward with each other.

Well, who could blame them? As Aga honestly but also rather cattily pointed out, this was practically the first time in years that they had really talked, as opposed to barking or hissing at each other.

This was unfortunate, considering that their son Luigi was growing up and needed the harmonious care and loving of both his parents—but that's reality for you.

Anyway, Aga and Janice did their best to lighten the trying moment for each other. In fact, Janice tried rather too hard to look friendly and cool: instead of sitting down, she perched on top of her seat with her legs prettily tucked under her.

It was a rather flirty pose that suited the strange set-up for the scene involving the two ex-lovers. It was strange because, despite the fact that they had called it quits a decade ago, there was occasionally a "ligawan" quality to their on-camera conversation last Sunday.

But there was also a contradictory quality often hidden but sometimes not so subtle recrimination. It was as if the mess of 10

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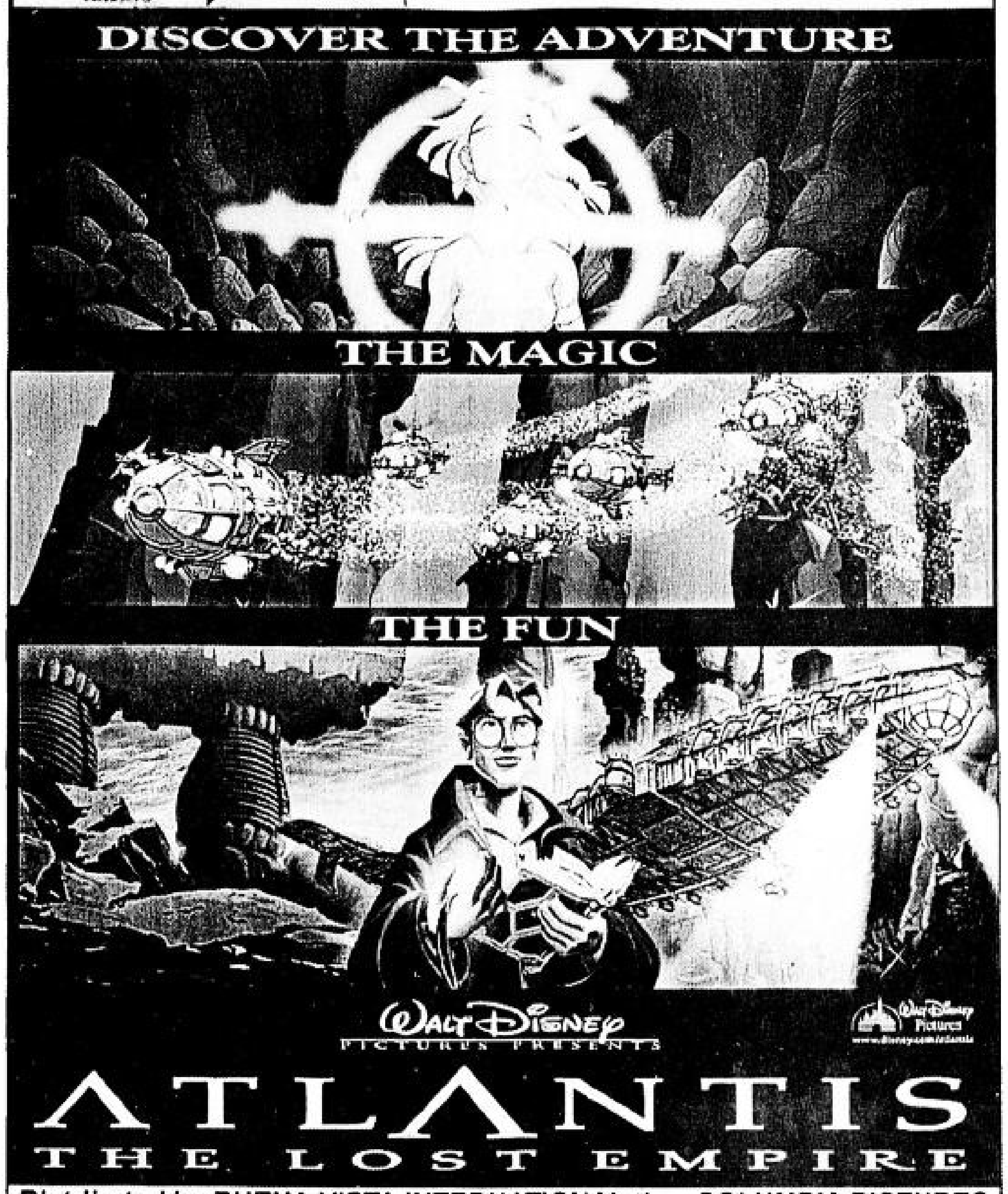

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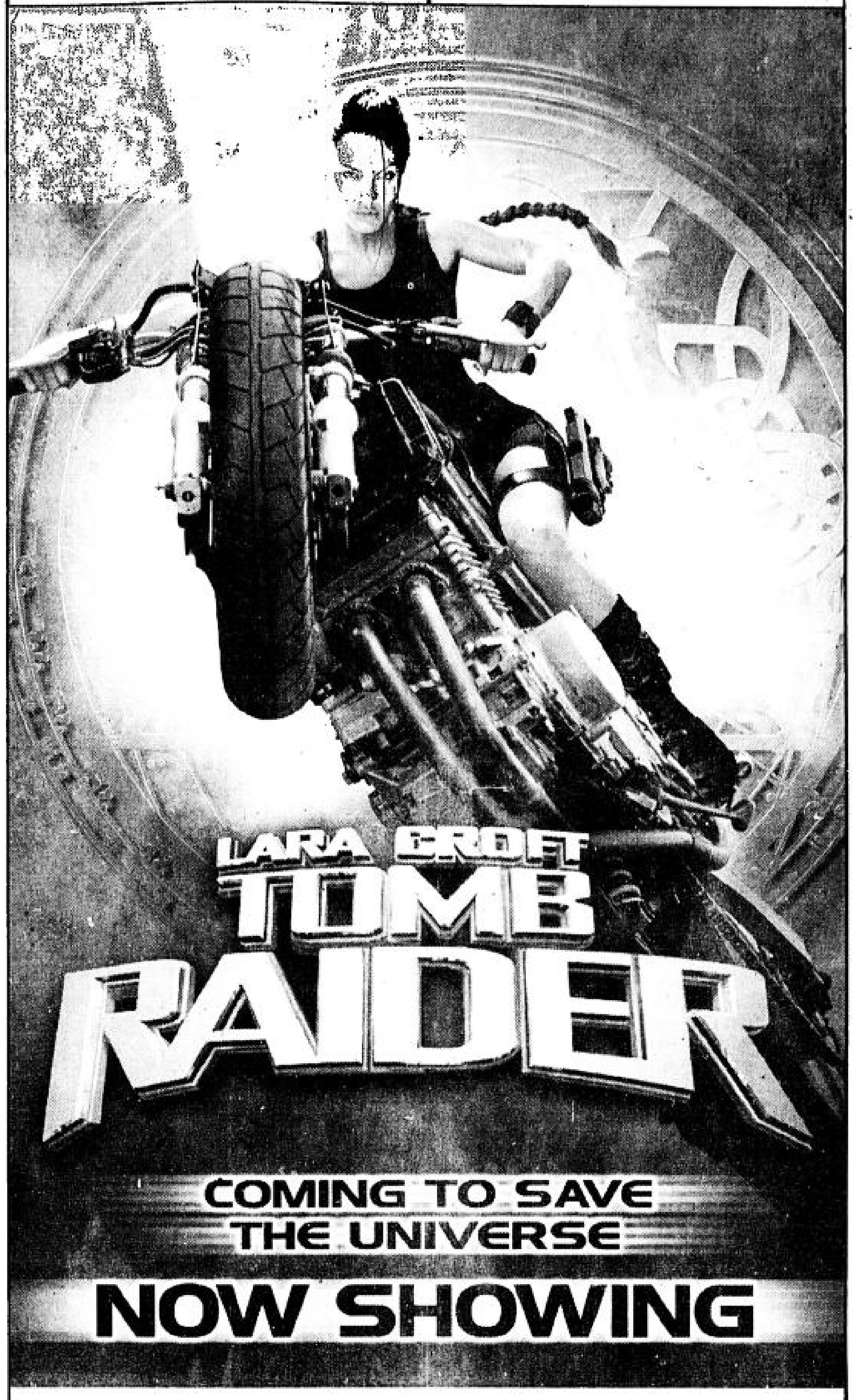

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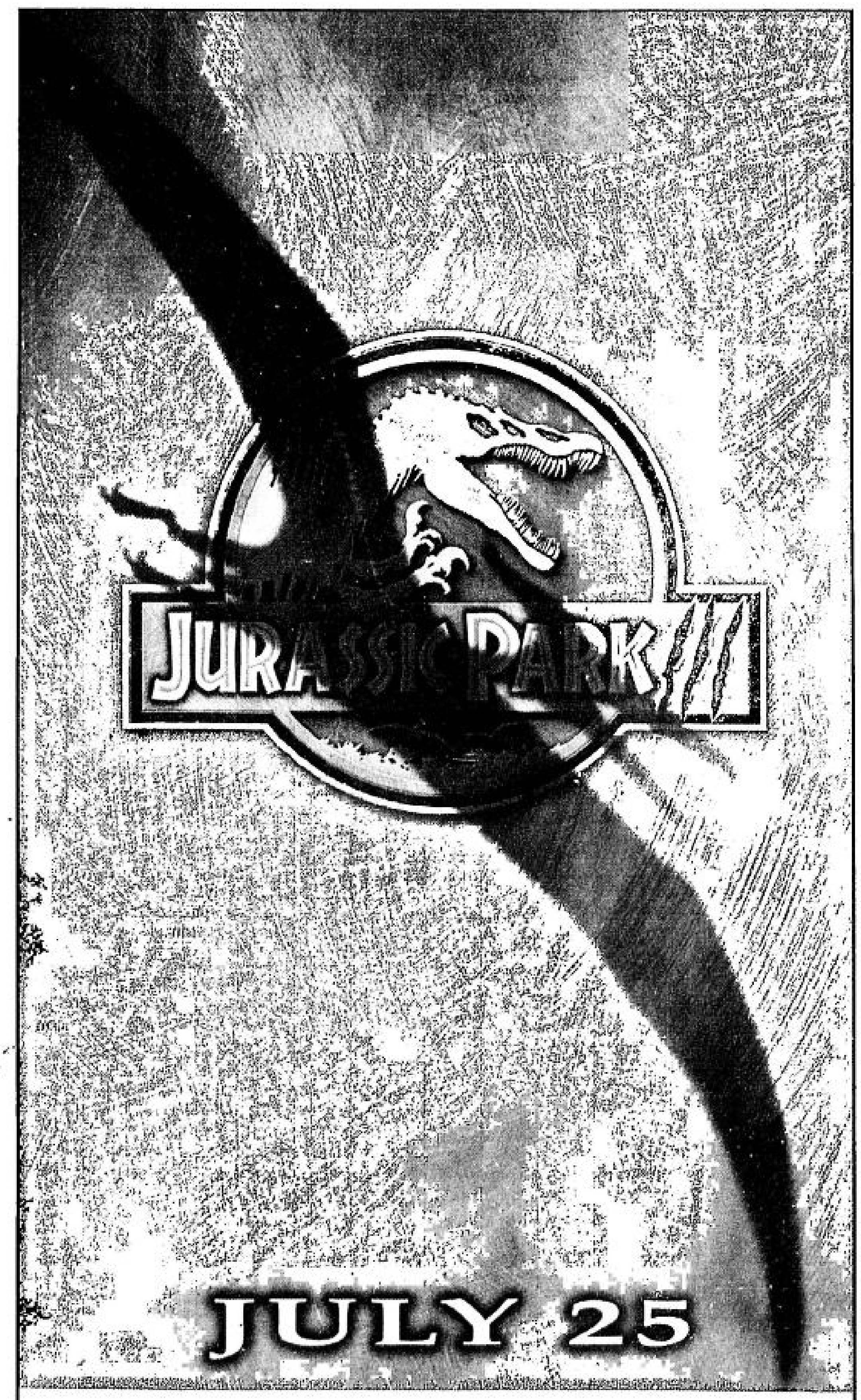

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(From page A27)

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"Nothing in Filipino culture can be seen as Asian. They have no architectural, artistic or cultural influence which is in any way Asian, thinking of the great countries in Asia such as Japan, Korea and China.

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"Most people there live in poverty! Your culture has much more Spanish influence than Chinese and absolutely no Japanese influence whatsoever.

"People in Japan and China do not act like you . . . There is no way you can connect yourselves to Asia other than location. Your culture and technological advancement does not even come close to what Chinese people have done in the past and what Japanese and Korean people are doing now!

"Everything you do is distinctly Filipino. You cannot take credit for Japanese cars, video games or Hentai! You have no concept of culture . . . no concept of Asian ideas or philosophy!

"Can you demonstrate how you use Confucianism or Taoism in you everyday life? You can't. And you will never be able to.

"I understand that you are trying to create an identity for yourselves as young people . . . but it is not related to Asia.

"Your identity is Filipino. That's all you are. Just Filipino. Think about what that means..."

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

Let KC shine on her own

WHEN **KC Concepcion**, daughter of megastar **Sharon Cuneta**, didn't show up at the press conference of "Little Mermaid," some entertainment writers quickly concluded that she was avoiding the media. They said she was probably hesitant to answer questions, especially those about her dad, former actor **Gabby Concepcion**.

But KC did not actually snub the presscon. In fact, she really meant to go, according to **Luna Inocian**, who wrote the libretto of "Little Mermaid."

KC was in Enchanted Kingdom in Sta. Cruz, Laguna, where she was shooting the commercial for Human, the new garment line that she will soon endorse, reportedly for a cool P5 million.

KC will undoubtedly bring in the crowds to watch the new production of "Little Mermaid" which, associate director **Audie Gemora** confesses, will be a shorter production.

The musical staged last year was all of three hours, which made the kids in the audience a little edgy and restless, if not sleepy, before the show ended.

KC will play Princess Sapphire in "Little Mermaid," taking over from the role originally played by **Karylle**, daughter of **Zsa Zsa Padilla**.

KC's audition is a story in itself. "She really lined up for the auditions and she came unannounced," Audie recalls. "When Karylle auditioned, it was different. We even got a call from her talent manager, **Ronnie Henares**, who rattled off to us Karylle's limitations onstage, that she should do no kissing scenes, among others."

Audie admits he was excited to see KC in the long line outside Stageworx, the new home of Trumpets on the 5th level of Shangri-La Mall.

"I told our director, **Jaime del Mundo**, that she was Sharon's daughter and we have to take her in because she would surely bring in the crowds," Audie relates. "But since Jaime is not really familiar with local talents, he told me, 'So what? She still has to be good before we take her in.'"

But KC was a real trouper when she auditioned, according to Audie. She sang "Part of That World," the theme from the Disney version of "Little Mermaid."

KC must have surely learned the song from her mom because when Sharon once did a show at Captain's Bar at the Mandarin Oriental, "Part of That World" was among the many impromptu numbers she sang in full for the SRO audience.

When KC was required to act, she gladly did a few acting routines. Then she even asked Del Mundo, "Do you want me to dance?"

When Del Mundo nodded, KC immediately took off her high heels to do a few dance steps.

MEGA-MERMAID. KC Concepcion is learning to swim in show biz waters.

"KC auditioned for any role, even a chorus part," Audie says. "She must have really impressed Jaime that she landed the part of Princess Sapphire."

KC is making her theater debut in "Little Mermaid," which signals her show biz entry. She will surely be compared to her mega-popular mom. But KC is simply following Sharon's footsteps and she should be given a chance to prove herself and shine on her own. Eventually, she can transcend the formidable tag of being "Sha-ron's daughter."

The new cast of "Little Mermaid" is a blend of new and original members.

Alternating with KC as Princess Sapphire is Repertory Philippines talent **Cathy Azanza**.

The lead role of Jewel, the Little Mermaid, will be played by three talented young singers—**Carol Banawa, Dianne de la Fuente** and **Katrina Villarante.**

Carol and Dianne did it last year. Katrina is a *balikbayan* from Vancouver, Canada, who will play it for the first time.

Audie points out that the Trumpets' production is not based on the animated Disney version of "The Little Mermaid," but an all-Filipino version of the classic talent by **Hans Christian Andersen**.

"Little Mermaid" goes on stage at the Meralco Theater from Aug. 3 to Sept. 9. Also starring are **Jeff Arcilla** and **Noel Rayos** as Prince Christian, **Carlo Orosa** as Nicodemus, **Lynn Sherman** and **Sheila Francisco** as Crustacea, **Freddie Santos** as King Argo, and **Eladio Pamaran** and **Tonipet Garcia** as Calamari.

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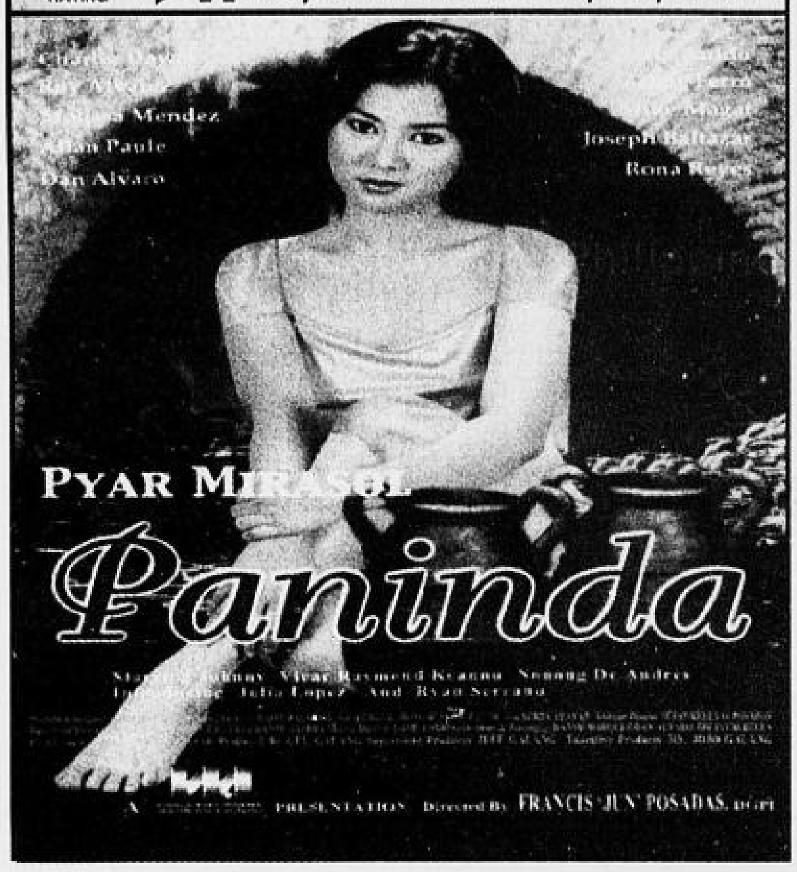

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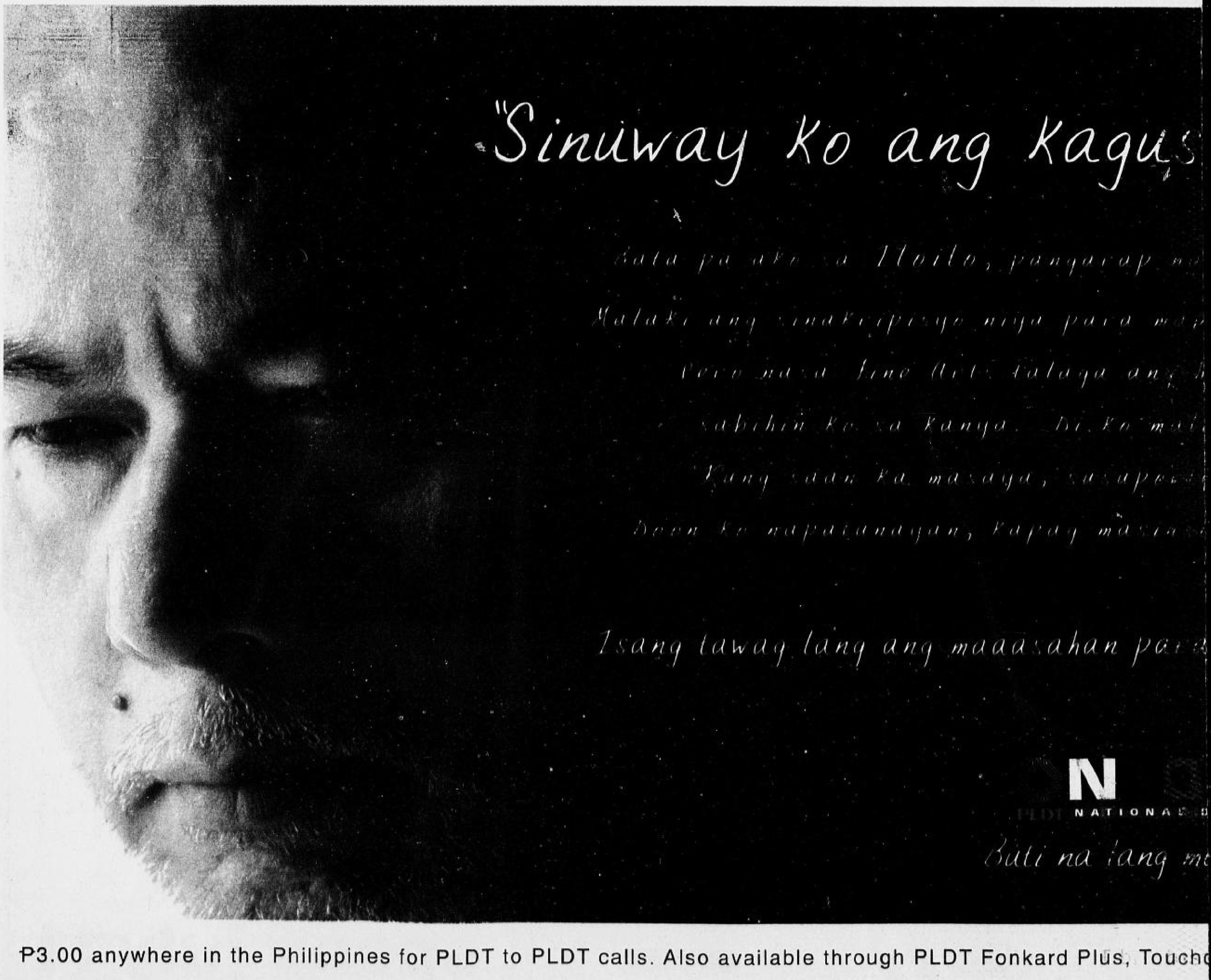

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'TOMB RAIDER'

Don't expect too much, just enjoy

By Emmie G. Velarde

REVIEW

I DREAMT that I died and came back as Lara Croft.

From Manila journalist to tomb raider: It's true what they say, nowhere to go but up. I could use that inimitable man-eater stride, too, although the long legs and full torso may prove even less achievable than Cambodia.

Walk-wise, before Angelina Jolie there was Meg Ryan. But I've figured it's her walk that has forever messed up Meg's hair. Lara Croft seems to always have time to braid up, despite such extreme sports as robot duels and bungee binges before bedtime—and these for her R&R.

Of course, Lara Croft is too good to be true. She's cyberspace royalty, less trendy than the late Princess of Wales but as captivating, and as impetuous as the Duchess of York but shapelier.

Her "makers" have fashioned Lara Croft to be a rich and pampered heiress, prize-winning photographer, linguist and archaeology enthusiast. That's on the outside. Her real passions are besting bad guys and throwing herself into one excessive quest after another.

Her combat competence is inversely proportional to her social skills. I am drawn to the type, so what?

In the movie that's now filling up Metro Manila theaters like video game alleys in malls, Lara Croft must find two halves of a priceless artifact buried in opposite ends of the earth. Granted, for the sake of argument, that this character is a fantasy figure to every teenage boy and an icon to every teenage girl. Still, it is the plot that instantly bound me to the wonder woman, enough to dream up no less than re-birth.

JOLIE

Twice in this lifetime I set out on a journey to Angkor Wat (where the first precious half of the movie's artifact was retrieved) and never got there. I will make a third attempt only in a virtual form, the better to see and yet not see what state this wonder of the world is in now.

Time magazine recently reported massive defacement and organized looting. The report said that if you're ever there and feel like bringing home a piece of it, don't bother, it's probably fake. The government has stored away all valuable stuff.

According to the plot, possession of the two mythical halves that make a triangle is said to guarantee power to rule the world, sort of like the booty in "The Mummy Returns."

Why would anyone want to rule the world? I asked my movie buddy during the film preview. Have they never heard of the Taliban and the Abu Sayyaf? Or of George W. Bush's infamous resistance to the Kyoto agreement on climate change?

My buddy's profound response was a patronizing "Shhhh. It's only a movie."

Casting Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft is a master stroke. She carries the exaggerated chest gear like she was born with it. For the scenes in the Iceland location (the other end of the world), she wears obviously insufficient clothing, and not once turns blue!

Part of the actress's pre-shoot preparation must have been imbibing Lara's celebrity titles. Details magazine previously named her among the "Sexiest Women of the Year," and Time Digital included her in the list of the 50 cyber-elite, alongside Bill Gates, Andy Grove, Steve Jobs, and George Lucas.

All these on top of the fact that the girl with the fullest lips in Hollywood history can act, and is in fact an Oscar winner. Plus, it always helps to have more brains than usual. How do we know this? Often by the way an actor understands the character.

Of her cyber incarnate Jolie says:

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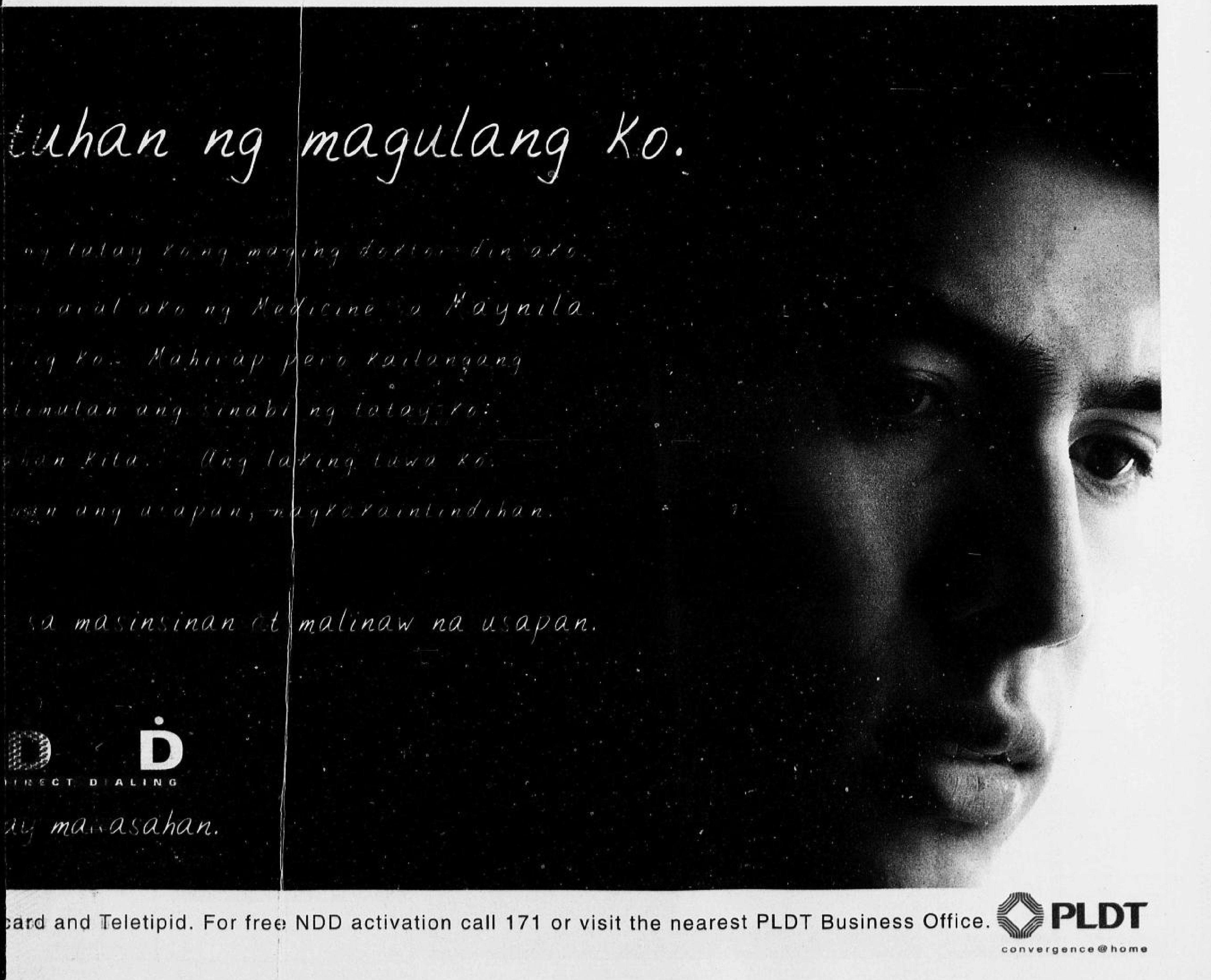
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Don't . . .

(From page A25)

"She's extremely good at what she does. It's not that she's as good as a guy; it's that even if she were competing with a guy, she might win—not because she's a girl, but because she's a better fighter. She doesn't apologize for herself, ever. She isn't angry; she's playful. She is certainly enjoying everything about this."

As for the guy aspect: Lara Croft doesn't seem interested. She'd rather watch the stars, literally, the better to illustrate how deftly she can remove herself from down-here situations, especially fear.

She'd have been perfect, but for one major flaw, which her enemies employ with some success. It goes by the monicker Jon Voight/Lord Croft. Let me not elaborate; the story is frighteningly frail as it is. As you can see, they didn't bother to give him a first name.

For your own sake and enjoyment, do not expect too much logic from this one. The pieces will just fit in the end, you'll see.

The filmmakers had a simple plan. In the words of producer Lloyd Levin: "Take a video game, turn it into a movie, and find the perfect actor for the role of Lara."

If every single one of the 21 million people around the world who's bought the video game unit (not counting pass-on play and pirated copies) watched the movie, it would be mission accomplished, everybody happy.

I am prepared for the possibility that, in my next Lara Croft dream, there will be two of us—or 200 million.

Janice . . .

(From page A23)

years ago had not been completely worked out. This prompted the viewer to wonder what was the real reason why Janice and Aga didn't marry each other when she had gotten pregnant.

Different "versions" abound, of course—they were too young, her folks didn't approve of him, she was a bigger star then than he was, they didn't want to make up for a mistake with another mistake, etc.—but what was the real reason?

Alas, Janice and Aga were generally quite forthright on "S-Files," but this was one key area that they saw fit to keep in the realm of rumor and speculation.

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US talk radio host insults Filipinos on Internet

BY LEAH SALTERIO

WE received e-mail from our Singapore-based friend, **Jennifer Alejandro**, a former ABS-CBN news anchor and field reporter who now works with Channel News Asia.

Jenny apparently only forwarded the e-mail to us with the note, "Please pass this on to every Filipino you know."

The article is written by a certain **Art Bell**, a talk radio host who broadcasts his show from his home in Nevada. The program is aired over 400 stations across the United States.

In the article, "Filipinos . . . make me puke," Bell lambastes Filipinos, our culture and way of life.

The piece is so degrading "so it's important that after reading it, no one attacks him (Bell) but responds to him in a civilized manner because otherwise, his thoughts will be reaffirmed."

We are printing excerpts from Bell's article:

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A team of visual effects wizards, led by Phil Tippett, worked with director Ivan Reitman (GHOSTBUSTERS) to design an ever-evolving assortment of alien creatures, which were then digitally rendered. Tippett created the dinosaurs in JURASSIC PARK and the giant alien insects in STARSHIP TROOPERS.

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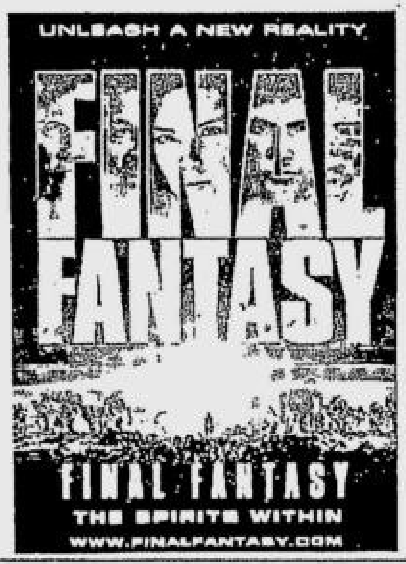

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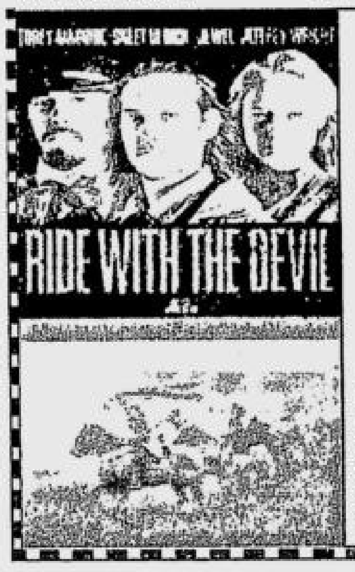

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SKEET ULRICH TOBEY MAGUIRE JEFFREY WRIGHT

Ang Lee ("The Ice Storm," "Sense and Sensibility" & Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon") once again takes audiences on a journey to a different time and place, and into his characters' internal conflicts. A cast of rising young stars portrays young Americans, striving to define themselves and the country they had always called home, amidst national turmoil. The screenplay for Ride with the Devil is adapted (by Lee's longtime collaborator, James Schamus) from Daniel Woodrell's novel Woe to Live On.

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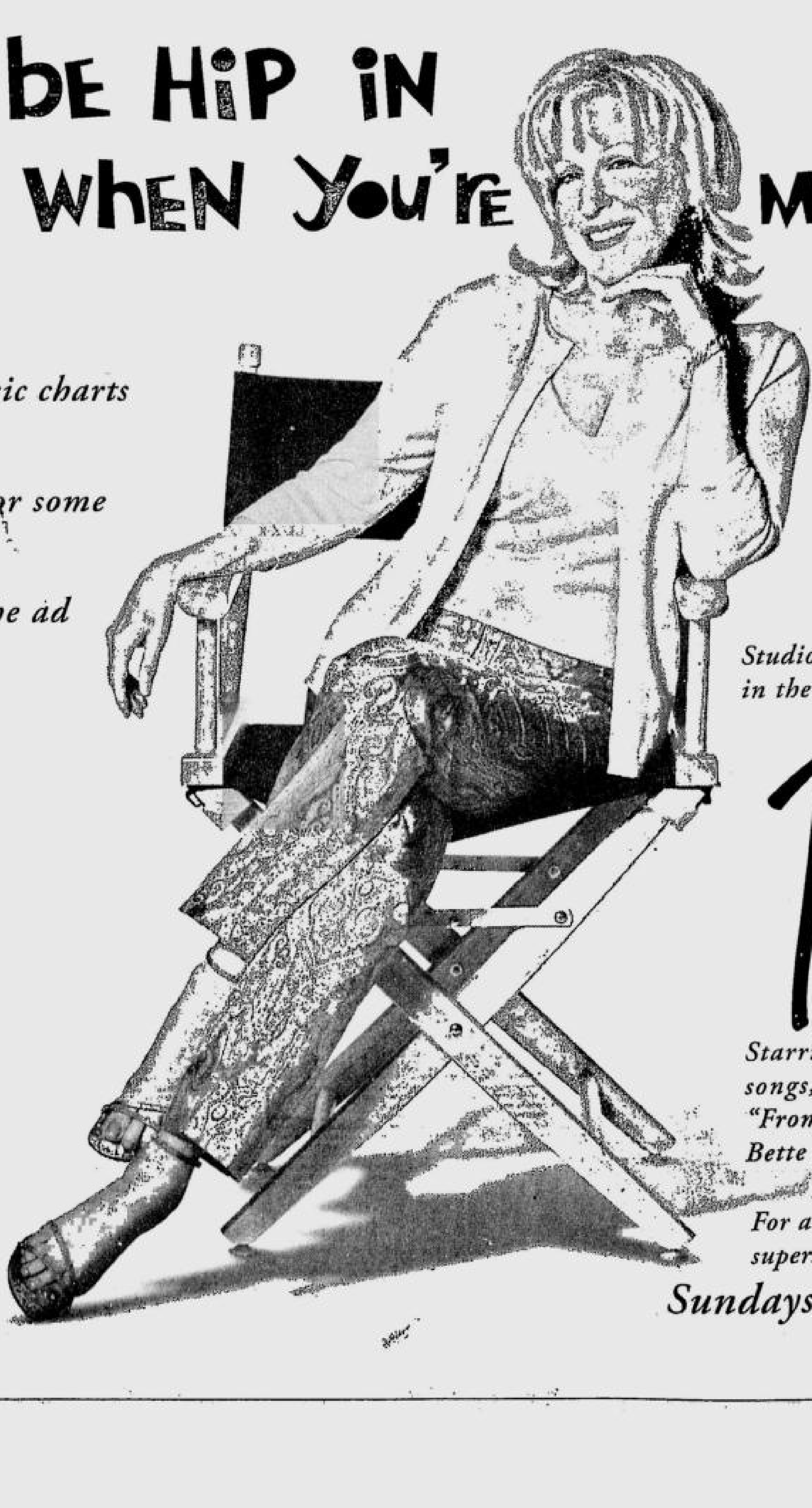

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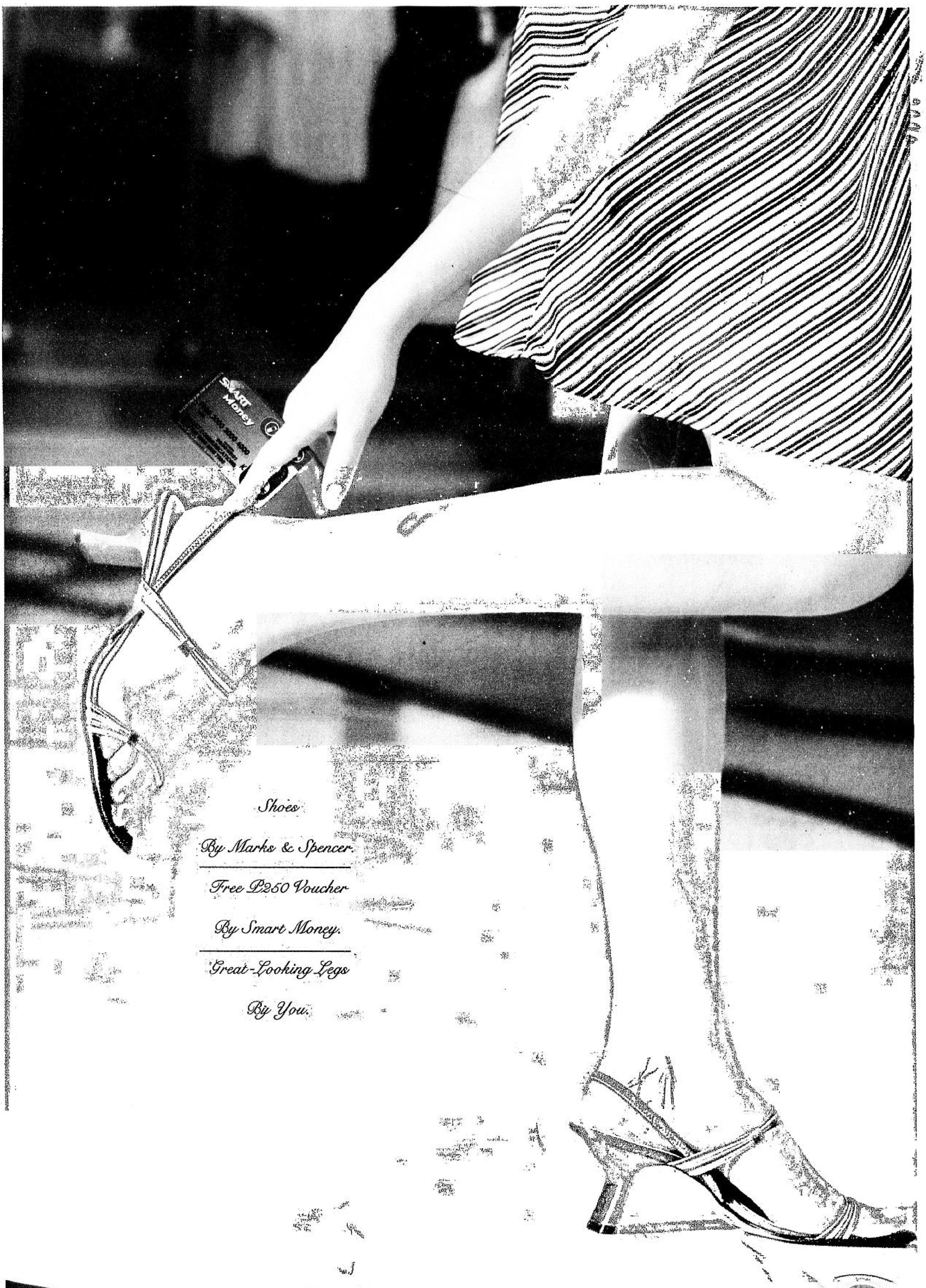
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Finance head spends his weekends counting sheep

JOSE "Lito" Camacho says children get bored easily so he has to constantly perk up their interests with new animals. He loves animals and collects all kinds.

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO
AND RONNEL W. DOMINGO

FINANCE Secretary Jose Isidro N. Camacho has reached a high in his career that few have reached at a relatively young age of 45.

But what is striking about him may not necessarily be his achievements as a banker or as energy secretary. It is rather where he goes and what he does during weekends.

Instead of playing golf like many of his colleagues, Camacho goes off to the family farm in Laguna that he bought six years ago where he raises all kinds of animals.

Every weekend, he and his wife would pack his five children (his eldest is in a boarding school in England) and drive from their home in Urdaneta Village to the farm where the little ones can play with their miniature horses, potbellied pigs, cows, all kinds of chickens, snakes, deer, dogs, sheep, tilapia, carps, birds.

"I love animals," Camacho says when asked why he collects all kinds of animals.

He says he used to breed show dogs, specifically his Afghan hounds that are considered the best in the country.

But work demanded constant travelling so he had to give up breeding dogs, but not raising other animals. He says he keeps adding new animals to his collection to keep his children occupied.

FINANCE/B10

Old Chinese ideas inspire business behavior

PHILADELPHIA—The chief executive of China's top home appliance maker cannot get enough of it. Executives at the country's biggest noodle-maker like practicing it in groups. And one top airline executive will not stop talking about it.

So Wharton School Professor Ming-Jer Chen wrote a book about it—for Western business executives who might be in the mood to join in. The subject of all this interest is the body of ancient philosophies and customs that underpin modern Chinese business practices, from the teachings of Lao Tzu and Confucius to the disciplines of tai chi and feng shui.

Given that ethnic Chinese control 98 percent of East Asia's economy outside South Korea and Japan, Chen figured Westerners in general—and Americans in particular—would welcome a handbook on how traditional Chinese ideas inspire business behaviors that outsiders often find baffling.

"I want people to be able to understand what to do in all sorts of situations," said Chen, author of "Inside Chinese Business—A Guide for Managers Worldwide" (Harvard Business School Press). "There are 100 books about business in China that focus on behaviors, but there aren't many that try to explain the underlying social, psychological and cultural issues, which is what I try to do."

Not that his book is just about traditional Chinese thought. There are also guides to Chinese business families who dominate much of East Asia, charts of Asian business ownership models, and advice on how to win friends and influence people that may be worthy of Dale Carnegie himself.

"Flying arms and moving hands to express or emphasize points are perceived as ill-mannered, as are physical displays of frustration and enthusiastic slaps on the back," Chen says in the book.

It lists Western companies that have successfully deciphered the way of Chinese business, most notably Motorola Inc., the largest foreign company in the People's Republic of China.

It also recounts some spectacular Western failures, such as AT&T Corp.'s decision to turn down Beijing's offer to develop China's telephone network. The decision, Chen writes, caused Chinese officials to lose face and shut the US phone giant out of the market for years.

Most foreign for Westerners

A Taiwan-born expert on business strategy who has spent the past two decades living in the United States, Chen believes China and the ethnic Chinese business communities that dot East Asia from Thailand to the Philippines are the most foreign of foreign territories for Western business executives.

Conditioned by the gospel of individualism and the cut and thrust of ruthless price competition, Americans may feel especially perplexed among Chinese, who consider the standard business contract to be an affront to good manners.

Chinese also prefer to listen rather than talk. And keeping a low profile can be a virtue. One company even deliberately suppressed its own market share to keep from attracting the notice of multinational behemoth Procter & Gamble Co.

For Chen, the thread that binds these practices is a Confucian emphasis on relationships and commonality, which can prompt Chinese firms to keep failing subsidiaries afloat and to overlook the small matter of making money.

"I have never really thought about creating wealth," Chen quotes Taiwan's Winston Wang, son of Formosa Plastics Corp. tycoon Wang Yung-ching, as saying.

Chen, 46, who studied the Chinese classics for four years, moves seamlessly from the language of Confucian introspection to hard-nosed business sense. "The challenge is finding out who the true self is, and the true 'other,'" he told Reuters in an interview. "It's not about winning or losing in a particular moment. Nothing is black and white."

Westerners may scoff at the notion of ancient wisdom being in the driver's seat of Chinese companies, and Chen admits that many who have had some hard knocks in the Asian market find nothing holy about the region's holistic practices and see so-called guanxi relationships as nothing but a forum for cronyism, nepotism and corruption.

Ancient principles uppermost

But publicly at least, ancient principles do appear to be uppermost in the minds of business leaders. Haier Group CEO Zhang Ruimin openly claims that his business practices as head of China's leading home appliance maker are deeply rooted in the philosophies of Confucius, Lao Tzu and Sun Tzu.

Chen Feng, chairman of Hainan Airlines, is a devoted Buddhist and Confucianist who gives philosophical lectures to guests including his consultants. And noodle-maker Ting Hsin has a training center where executives practice tai chi to balance their bodily energies.

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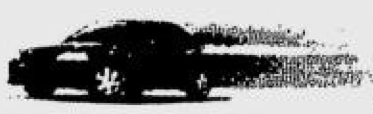

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IN YOUR FACE BY L. P. LEVISTE

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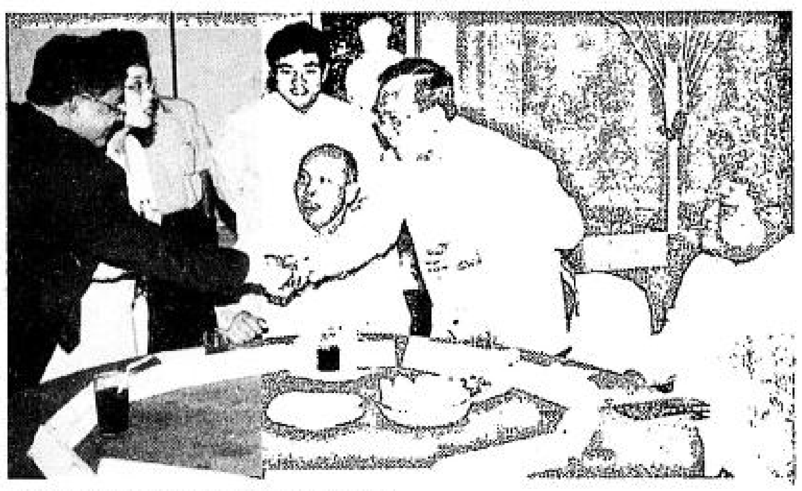

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"The Art of Possibility"
by Rosamund Stone Zander
& Benjamin Zander
Harvard Business School Press, 2001

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

EXECUTIVE READ

WE had books on unleashing our individual or group creativity—like "Let Sparks Fly" (Executive Read, Dec. 3, 2000), recommending "creative abrasion" to ignite the group's creative fire, and "Six Thinking Hats" (Executive Read, February 18, 2001), which suggests liberating the thinking process from premature use of judgment that hinders the flow of creative juices.

The authors of these two books are serious and enthusiastic mentors cum authors on creativity and the thinking process, and have therefore applied scientific concepts on this very valuable human effort.

Certainly, their views have been very useful to countless students and readers who have rediscovered the powers of an untrammeled brainstorming process, resulting in various workable concepts and ideas without fail.

From scientists, we thought, wouldn't it be a good idea for a change to find out how artists themselves unlock their possibilities—be they poets, fictionists, painters or musicians? Lo and behold! We have such artists in the book titled "The Art of Possibility."

Co-authored by a husband-and-wife team—Rosamund and Benjamin Zander—the book ushers us into the lesser-known but by no means magical world of the arts—landscape painting for wife and orchestra conducting for husband.

First of all, the book begins and ends with artists. It starts off with a poem by Emily Dickinson, which begins: "I dwell in Possibility" and ends on page 197 with a quote from noted author William James.

The quote goes: "I am done with great things and big plans, great institutions and big successes. I am for those tiny, invisible loving human forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, yet which, if given time, will rend the hardest monuments of human pride."

The intention of the writers is to deliver the central truth that every individual, even the most ordinary one, is a marvelous creation—and, if only we can unlock their possibilities, such creation will emerge in dazzling reality.

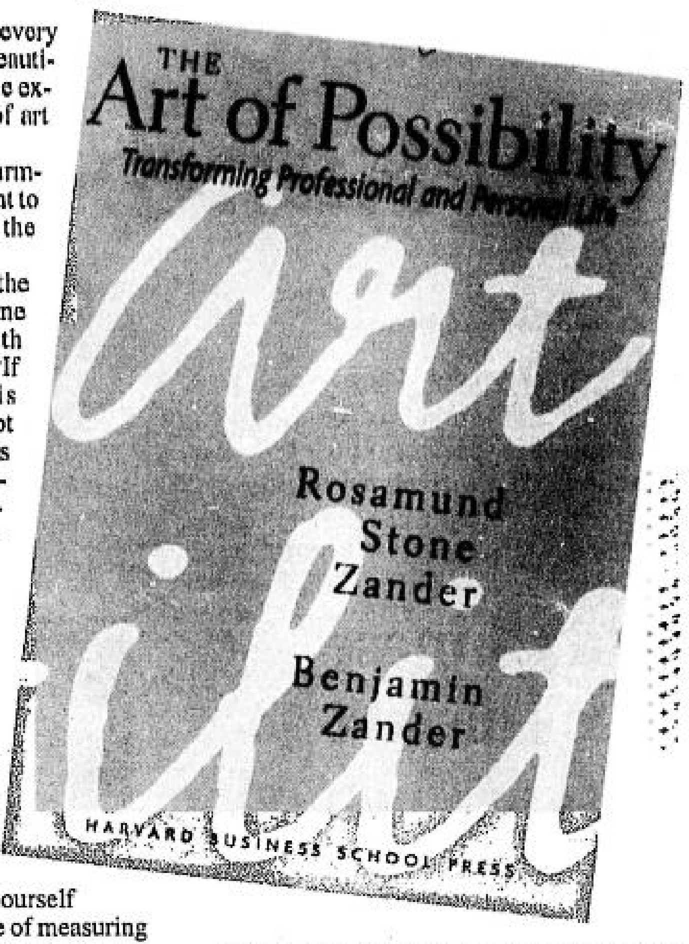
All through the book, a great quote from Michelangelo provides the underlying theme about the marvel that is the human person.

The authors say: "Michelangelo is often quoted as having said that inside every block of stone or marble dwells a beautiful statue; one need only remove the excess material to reveal the work of art within."

The authors discuss the heartwarming results of their daring experiment to give an "A" to every student at the very start of a music class.

Taking off from the point of the magnificent painter of the Sistine Chapel, they dared walk the path where angels fear to tread, saying: "If we were to apply this (Michelangelo's) visionary concept to education, it would be pointless to compare one child to another. Instead, all the energy would be focused on chipping away at the stone, getting rid of whatever is in the way of each child's developing skills, mastery and self-expression."

An "A," according to the authors, can be given to anyone in any walk of life—to a waitress, to your employer, to your mother-in-law, to the members of the opposite team, and to the other drivers in traffic(!?)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Transforming Professional and Personal Life
Rosamund Stone Zander
Benjamin Zander
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When you give an *A*, you find yourself speaking to people not from a place of measuring how they stack up against your standards, but from a place of respect that gives them room to realize themselves.

"Your eye is on the statue within the roughness of the uncut stone," they say with unmistakable lyricism, reminiscent of the beautiful tale of Pygmalion and Galatea—or "My Fair Lady" in modern garb.

This revolutionary concept—surprise!—succeeded in the most exacting environments the musicians found themselves in—the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and the New England Conservatory of Music.

Every musician played with passion, intensity and perfection—driven by the conviction that they were all *A* students.

More to the point, the book is telling its readers to move from "survival thinking" and "scarcity thinking"—a legacy from Charles Darwin's "survival of the fittest" theory—to the "universe of possibility."

For example, the authors point out: "On the whole, you are more likely to extend your business and have a fulfilled life if you have the attitude that there are always new customers out there waiting to be enrolled rather than that money, customers and ideas are in short supply."

You will say that the authors, artists that they are, view the world with pink spectacles and are thus not oriented to the harsh realities of life.

And yet you also know that many more leaders and thinkers are saying this—from Jesus Christ who says, "Take my yoke . . . because it is easy" to Brian Tracy who points out that "the true leader radiates the confidence that all difficulties can be overcome and all goals can be attained."

The authors also contend that many standards have all been "invented"—and, therefore, if these standards hinder our realization of possibilities, we should "invent" something else.

They are actually recommending overhauling our view of limitations and possibilities. If they are a bit too optimistic, that's because they have found success in every endeavor and experiment.

Those who take themselves too seriously are also told to lighten up. "When you are oriented to abundance, you care less about being in control, and you take more risks. You give away short-term profits in pursuit of a bigger dream; you may take a long view without being able to predict the outcome.

In the measurement world, you set a goal and strive for it. In the universe of possibility, you set the context and let life unfold. That sounds like a crescendo in a symphony.

But, perhaps, there is really much to learn from Ben the orchestra conductor and Roz the painter. They know a lot more about harmony and color. It's time we view our lives as a beautiful symphony. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

Priestess and warrior join to win over economic battles in good and bad times

BY S. VALDIVIA-MARFORI
PDI Mindanao Bureau

VIOLETA Y. Escandor is every inch a Mandaya priestess. The matriarch of the Royal Mandaya Hotel exudes prowess and rhythm in manning her 240-room world-class hotel.

Like the art of the Mandaya Dagmay fabric, she efficiently weaves the competitiveness of business, the demands of parenting and animation in the world of art.

The pattern of her hotel's turrets that characterizes the hotel's imposing structure is based on her ancestral Kamalig, a house of bounty. Her seemingly fragile frame is countered by her penetrating look that radiates her hotel's slogan, "Let the very heart of Davao get to the very heart of you."

The priestess is married to Col. Emilio D. Escandor, PA (Res) who believes in command responsibility, more so in his commander priestess.

'Bagani' and 'Babaylan'

Like a true "Bagani" or warrior skilled in reconnaissance, the colonel and the "Babaylan" or priestess have surveyed the nooks of tourist destinations worldwide and swears Davao City is the place for their dream hotel.

It was in 1991 when the priestess thought of setting up a business for her eldest son Glenn. Their first foray was the four-story, 21-room Kadayawan Inn, which rose along J. Palma Gil Street.

Kadayawan Inn rode the crest of economic boom for four years. By 1994, the foundations of the Mandaya dream hotel commenced only to be threatened by the 1997 Asian crisis.

Glenn's innate entrepreneurial prowess, however, would not be dampened. He says: "I cannot let my parents down and I wanted the hotel."

THE PRIESTESS with her husband Emil and son Glenn.
RYAN LIM

World-renown Marco Polo Hotel stands two blocks away from Royal Mandaya but the colonel is unfazed by competition. A born soldier, indoctrinated in political science, his leadership and management style approximates Attila the Hun's astuteness.

He does not have the barbarism and the nomadic nature of Attila. Only their leadership parallels. His militaristic strategies guard his market share. He claims to enjoy an occupancy rate of 50 percent of local tourists. He laments that foreigners comprise only 5 percent of Mandaya's guests.

To increase his slice of the foreign market, he once spent P500,000 per month on management fees to the Spanish Barcelo Group.

All the management expertise in the world, however, is no match for the recent political economic upheaval of the two Edsas and the lunacy of kidnappings.

The colonel had to let go of the Barcelo Group and management of his enterprise now rests solely on his eldest son Glenn.

Like his father, the self-effacing Glenn, a master of discipline, swears by Attila. Sun Tzu's "Art of War" can be his bible.

Peace and economics

Peace and order may be the catchphrase for Mindanao but peace has never been the couple's problem, more so of order. They thrive in disorder and their economics are secure.

They own Davao Security and Investigation Agency Inc. (Dasia), the biggest security agency in Visayas and Mindanao with 3,000 guards and 100 armored vehicles dispatched nationwide.

The main office is at the corner of Juan Luna and Damaso Suazo Streets, Davao City with branches in Cagayan de Oro City, and San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City.

The couple also owns the most complete and modern school for security officers and guards in Mindanao, the Dasia Security Training Academy (DSTA).

Bad politics and humdrum economics are of no consequence to the 57-year-old officer and hotelier who swears that the guards are not for the priestess but may be launched anytime in his escapades as a man about town.

Their businesses are symbiotic. If peace and order takes a beating, demand for their security agency peaks. In times of relative peace, their bottom line is in direct proportion to the expats and local tourists crawling in their hotel lobby while their security business recoils in an inverse curve.

Competitors are reeling from the bad press on Mindanao but the couple is upbeat.

The colonel still sweats it out in his daily round of golf and enjoys his moments with his children Glenn, Gerome and Michelle Ann and three grandchildren.

Likewise, the priestess is unfazed by threats and is reaping the success of her vision of promoting the ethnicity and identity of the Mandaya along the mainstream of modernity.

It takes the entrepreneurial skills of a warrior and a priestess to survive all crises.

Conserve the environment, fight poverty in the process

TIME was when you can literally just throw a seed and the soil will nurture it so it grows and yields food. Or you throw a line into our waters and you will be rewarded with a catch that can feed the family.

Today, our topsoil hardly allows a seed to sprout. Our country's rainforest are almost gone, yet, logging continues unabated. Flashfloods wash away the rich topsoil, destroy crops, homes and even marine environment. Waters are polluted that fish no longer thrive.

Each year, people across the globe celebrate World Environment month, but after the glitter of festivities, most revert back to old ways and old habits that continue to endanger the environment.

"We need to change our ways," advocates Antonio M. Claparols, president of the Ecological Society of the Philippines (ESP). A staunch crusader against environment abuses, Claparols says that "We need to make sacrifices and drastic changes in our ways."

Also serving as the regional director for the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Claparols knows that the task is gargantuan as some damages to the ecological balance may already be irreversible. He laments the fact that despite the number of well-mentioned environmental laws, the Clean Air Act notwithstanding, destruction against human health, habitats and ecosystems persists because "there is no one seriously implementing such laws."

Poverty is the biggest factor that hampers the development of our country. How, Claparols asks, can the problem of poverty be resolved completely if environment destruction persists? If we are to fight poverty, we must solve our ecological problems first. We can start by refusing to be host to the world's toxic and hazardous wastes. We must stop the field testing of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). We should also consider harnessing other sources of energy like hydro, solar, wind and current.

Old Chinese ideas . . .

(From page B1)

"Moses received his golden tablets on a mountaintop, but Confucius reasoned from daily life without the aid of any deity," Chen quotes the late Harvard Sinologist John Fairbank as saying.

Chen also maintains that the Hyatt hotel in Singapore and a US-controlled bank in Hong Kong could not seem to put business problems behind them until they consulted experts in the Chinese art of architectural design known as feng shui.

For Chen, the capstone of Chinese business practice is the concept of guanxi, which has no direct English translation but which the author defines as connections that are defined by reciprocity and mutual obligation.

"The nature of Chinese business—and what makes it so difficult to figure out—is that it's so interrelated," he said. "Rather than see an event in isolation, a lot of things can be learned by focusing on the interface. It's not just about relations between individuals. It's how different individuals and situations relate to each other."

A hallmark of guanxi is the practice of gift-giving, which has exposed Chinese businessmen to Western claims of influence peddling and cronyism. But Chen says the allegations are often based on misunderstanding.

"For example, a Chinese businessman will always try to find common ground by looking for mutual acquaintances or affiliations with schools or businesses," he said. "And it never occurs to them that the Westerners they're talking to think they're name-dropping."

Chen, who leaves Wharton to take up a new teaching post at the University of Virginia this summer, says his book is only one step toward developing a new business model capable of facilitating understanding between Chinese and non-Chinese executives. He also plans to publish a Chinese version.

"The more ambitious goal I want to convey is how to operate as a global person," he said. *Reuters*

Dressing expectant women in the corporate world

PREGNANCY should not be an excuse for working women to look dowdy. If they have a certain style, then stick to it.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

CAREER women these days have no qualms about combining a successful career and a family. One of their biggest problems, however, is what to wear when they get pregnant.

BLACK is still beautiful for pregnant women. The key is not to accentuate the fact that one is pregnant.

PREGNANT working women can still get away with wearing sleeveless tops.

Many of the leading department stores and boutiques sell maternity clothes that are not appropriate for the working woman bent on still climbing the corporate ladder, with a big tummy and all.

Sabrina Uy, founder of Gingersnaps, a boutique for children's clothes and maternity wear, says she was inspired to design her maternity clothes in a different way because of this problem of working women.

"I design the maternity clothes based on the lifestyle of working women today. They wanted clothes that were still trendy but comfortable. They did not want to wear clothes that make them look even more pregnant or stick out like a sore thumb," Sabrina says.

Sabrina encourages working women to stick to their style of dressing even if they are pregnant. If they want fitted clothes, then still wear fitted maternity clothes.

"Pregnancy should not be an excuse to look like a hag. They should remain stylish since they still have to go to work. I encourage pregnant women to still wear black especially for those evening affairs," Sabrina says.

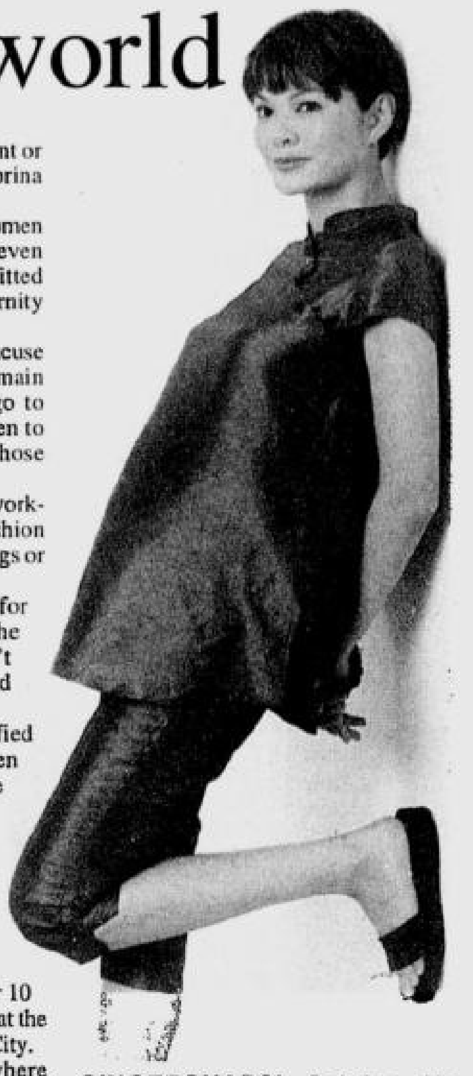
Gingersnaps also encourages working women to have at least one fashion statement—be it a loud bag, earrings or a necklace.

"Accessorizing is important for pregnant women to bring out the clean lines of a simple dress. I don't like big prints, flowers or checkered material," Sabrina adds.

Sabrina's Gingersnaps diversified to making maternity clothes when moms who patronized the children's line asked her to also make clothes for them.

She started Gingersnaps from the living room of her Mom's house in 1991. She initially made enough to fill up a 3-square-meter property at the Robinson's Galleria, and now after 10 years, she opened her biggest shop at the Rockwell Power Plant in Makati City.

It is a new lifestyle store where Gingersnaps features a new and improved children's line and a full range of maternity clothes for work and for casual occasions.



GINGERSNAPS' Sabrina Uy recommends pants for working women because they are always on the go.

Gift wrapping services: Cheap raw materials, but good premiums on finished products

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

GIFT bags such as these are easy to do and easy to sell.

How Tos

FILIPINOS just love to celebrate. There are birthdays, anniversaries, parties and red-letter days such as Valentine's Day, Mother's and Father's Days. In all these occasions, there is the required gift to the host or to the celebrator.

Just take a look at the long queues at the wrapping sections of leading department stores and you will know that people do give gifts.

This presents a golden business opportunity in providing gift wrapping service to people who just don't have the time or the energy to wrap their own gifts.

Melinda Quiogue, lecturer at the Negoskwela Livelihood and Resource Center, tells the INQUIRER that there is business to be made from providing wrapping services as people these days want their gifts to be more personalized but don't have the time to do it themselves.

Quiogue adds that the budding entrepreneur only has to invest in learning how to properly wrap gifts and how to make different kinds of ribbons to cater to different tastes and occasions.

She says there is a big business potential to gift wrapping services because the raw materials are cheap and, at the same time, can be sold at a premium.

"What people are paying for is the design, the creativity and the time spent in making the ribbons because everything is done by hand," Quiogue says.

The common starburst ribbon, for instance, is sold for about P10 each in leading department stores but the materials cost only about P2. It can be sold at a premium because it takes some time to make even just one.

There are other common ribbon styles such as the layered loop, cock comb and the pompons used for formal occasions such as ribbon cutting ceremonies or inaugurations and corporate events.

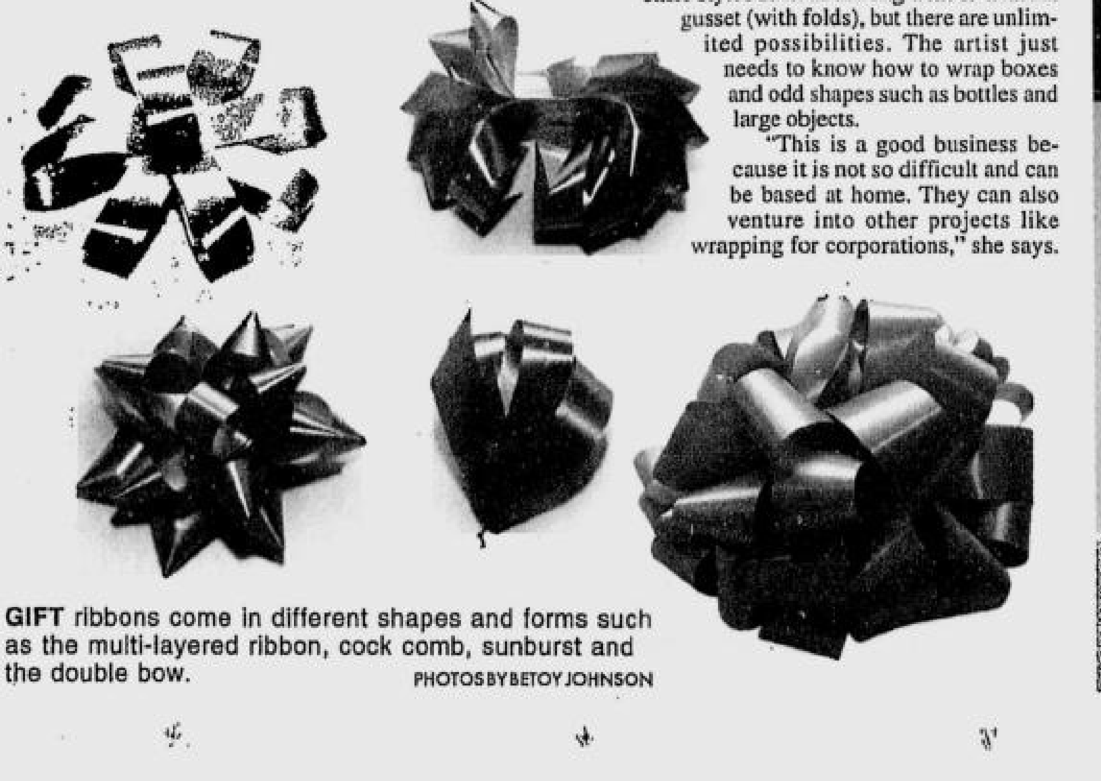
Quiogue says the large pompom ribbons used in offices can be sold for over P100 but the raw materials cost only a fraction.

"The norm is that the selling price is almost always three times as much as the cost," she adds.

For the wrappers, Quiogue says there are certain basic styles such as the bag with or without gusset (with folds), but there are unlimited possibilities. The artist just needs to know how to wrap boxes and odd shapes such as bottles and large objects.

"This is a good business because it is not so difficult and can be based at home. They can also venture into other projects like wrapping for corporations," she says.

THE GIFT bag shaped like a T-shirt is especially popular for children's parties.



GIFT ribbons come in different shapes and forms such as the multi-layered ribbon, cock comb, sunburst and the double bow.

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- ☑ With good communication skills, both oral and written.
- ☑ With working knowledge of computer operations.

1 DEMO III

- ☑ B.S. Civil Engineering or Architecture graduate.
- ☑ Single, between 25 to 35 years old.
- ☑ Proficient in the use of computer using Microsoft Office (Professional), AutoCAD and Java.
- ☑ Good in oral and written communication.
- ☑ Willing to work on extended office hour.

Please send resumé with 2x2 photo on or before July 13, 2001 to:

Ms. MELINDA Q. BELICARIO
Project Manager
Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project
National Project Management Office
5th Floor, Bonifacio Building, DECS Complex
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION COMMISSION
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No. 9247977; 9247980
Telefax No. 9243119

VACANCIES
(In compliance with RA 7041)

6-Director I - SG-25*; Bachelor's degree; 3 years of supervisory experience, Career Service Executive Eligibility (CSEE)/Career Executive Service (CES)

Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-13-1998 (Region VIII);
Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-4-1998 (Region XI);
Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-5-1998 (Region XII);
Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-6-1998 (Region I);
Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-8-1998 (Region II);
Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-DIR 1-9-1998 (Region IV)

Duties and responsibilities — identifies, develops and provides criteria and standard on accreditation of abattoir and meat processing plant; undertakes area surveys necessary in establishing and organizing comprehensive national meat inspection and hygiene system: studies, examines and develops methods and techniques towards a more economical, practical hygienic handling of meat and their products; studies and develops alternatives or improve methods of prolonging the storage life of refrigerated meat and meat products; reviews all scientific papers prepared by technical personnel of the division; and performs such other function as may be required by the Commission.

1-Chief Meat Control Officer - SG-24*; Item No. NMICF-AFMFB-CMCC-1-1998; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; 4 years in position/s involving management and supervision; 24 hours relevant training in management and supervision; RA 1080.

Duties and responsibilities — plans, programs and supervises meat hygiene, inspection and preservation, abattoir construction, management and operation and post abattoir control (meat and meat markets); follow-up and assesses the implementation of policy guidelines, procedures, rules and regulations and render appropriate reports; coordinates with appropriate agency surveys in relation to the establishments and organization of regional abattoirs and regularly on meat inspected, fees collected, problems encountered and measures taken or recommended.

** As per CSC-MC No. 13, s. 1992 which state that: "Starting January 01, 1995, except for full-sledged lawyers and Doctors of Medicine, and all appointees to division chief position (SG-24) or equivalent rank must possess a masteral degree in addition to the eligibility and experience requirements"*

*****Deadline for submission of application—July 16, 2001***

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Lot 8 Blk. 1 Buenos Aires Townhomes Sumulong Highway	72	split-level with 2BR and 2TB	96	1M
BIÑAN, LAGUNA				
Lot 73 Blk. 14 Phase 6 Taal St., San Jose Village	151	bungalow with 1BR and 1TB	70	1.1M
Lot 19 Blk. 5 Phase 6 Paco St., San Jose Village	127	bungalow with 1BR and 1TB	70	1M
BULACAN				
Lot 6 & 7 Blk. 1 Diamond St., EMMCO Subd., Pandacan, Meycauayan	300	single-detached house with 4BR and 3TB	200	3.3M
No. 47 Chico St. Constantino Subd Malolos	420	single-detached house with 6BR and 2TB	233.25	1.6M
CAINTA, RIZAL				
Phase 4F 108 Dama de Noche St., Greenland	207	split-level house with 4BR and 3TB plus mezzanine and basement	158	1.6M
13 Basketball St. New Saint Francis Subd	375	bungalow with 3BR and 2TB	120	1.4M
CALOOCAN CITY				
D-7 Deparo Road, Deparo'	2500	2-storey house with 2BR and 2TB shophouse warehouse	558	8.8M
Lot 7 Blk. 6 St. John St. Villa Maria Subd., Deparo	285	bungalow with 3BR and 1TB	180	1.1M
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No. 30 Rosal corner Verbena & Santan St., Vergonville Subd.*	414	2-storey with 7BR and 5TB	456	3.8M
47 Marga Moran St. BF Resort Village	749	single-detached house with 7BR and 5TB	260	5.8M
MAKATI CITY				
Unit 1102 Sunnele Tower Durban St. cor. Makati Ave.		condo unit	38.37	2M
Unit C 102-A G/F Galleria de Magallanes, Magallanes Village		condo unit	153	6.2M
MALABON				
96 Interior, A. Bonifacio Tugatog	70	2-storey with 3BR and 1TB	119	850T
MANILA				
No. 1980 Kasama St. Sampaloc	240	2-storey duplex and 4-storey residential property (12 apt. units)	740	10M
1226 Pres. Quirino Ave. Paco	694	4-storey with 7BR and 10TB	869	20M
MARIKINA				
Lot 7 Blk. 4 Quirino St. Vista Valley Subd.	200	bungalow (duplex) with 5BR and 3TB	137	1.6M
169-D Nana St. Marikina Heights	171	2-storey with 2BR and 2TB	200	1.6M
MUNTINLUPA CITY				
330 Mabolo St. Ayala Alabang Village	310	2-storey house	182	7.6M

Address	Lot Area	Improvements	Flr. Area	Price
MUNTINLUPA CITY				
339 Mabolo cor. Tamarind St. Ext. Ayala Alabang	393	1-storey with 3BR and 2TB	120	8.2M
PARAÑAQUE CITY				
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Lot 2 Blk. 6 Palace Ave. cor. Stuttgart St. BF Homes	294	single-detached house with 3BR and 3TB	230	3.4M
No. 1103 J. Young St. Moonwalk Subd.	365	2-units of 2-storey house (one with 6BR/ 4TB, and the other with 4BR/1TB)	248 and 96	3.1M

Address	Lot Area	Improvements	Flr. Area	Price
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No. 14-C Stanford St. Adela Hidalgo Village	64.75	3-storey townhouse with 3BR and 3TB	183.8	3.125M
PASIG CITY				
No. 82 Butterfly cor. Firefly St., Valle Verde 6	957	2-storey house with 4BR and 5TB	704	32M
20 3rd St. Doña Juliana Subd. II	540	2-storey with 7BR and 4TB	408.48	4.5M
Unit 3-B Bldg. II 3rd Flr. Bougainvilla Mansion, P. Tuazon Cubao		condo unit with 3BR and 2TB	73	2.2M
Lot 20-A/B Blk. 1 (No. 24) Mangga Road, Cubao	1122	commercial property (office, cor, shed)	205	30M
No. 3 Tirona St., Project 4	304	single-detached with 6BR and 6TB	295	5M
QUEZON CITY - NOVALICHES				
Lot 23 Blk. 1 Nana St. San Bernardo Village Novaliches	155	2-storey with 5BR and 3TB	155	1.8M
No. 8 Calalang Cmpd. Brgy. Kaligayahan Novaliches	200	unfinished 3-storey with 5BR and 5TB	439	2.5M
SAN JUAN				
Unit 416 Classica Manor Condo., Araullo cor. Montessori St.		condo with 1BR and 2TB	66	2.4M
Unit 15-F, Goldland Tower Condominium Eisenhower St. Greenhills		condo with 4BR and 3TB	130.92	5M
SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA				
Lot 12 Blk. 10 Lilac St. Camella Homes South	172	bungalow with 4BR and 2TB	170	1.45M
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Sto. Tomas near the Junction	2925	2-storey commercial building (office/display/ stockroom)	336	25M
TAYTAY, RIZAL				
Lot 27 Blk. 2 Opal St. Palmera II Subd. Bo. Dolores	209	duplex-type house with 4BR and 4TB basement	137	1.16M
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3.) Balance payable immediately upon notice.
4.) Any winning bidder who does not push through for reasons beyond its control, the deposit will be forfeited in favor of the company.
5.) The management reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in its discretion for any reason whatsoever.

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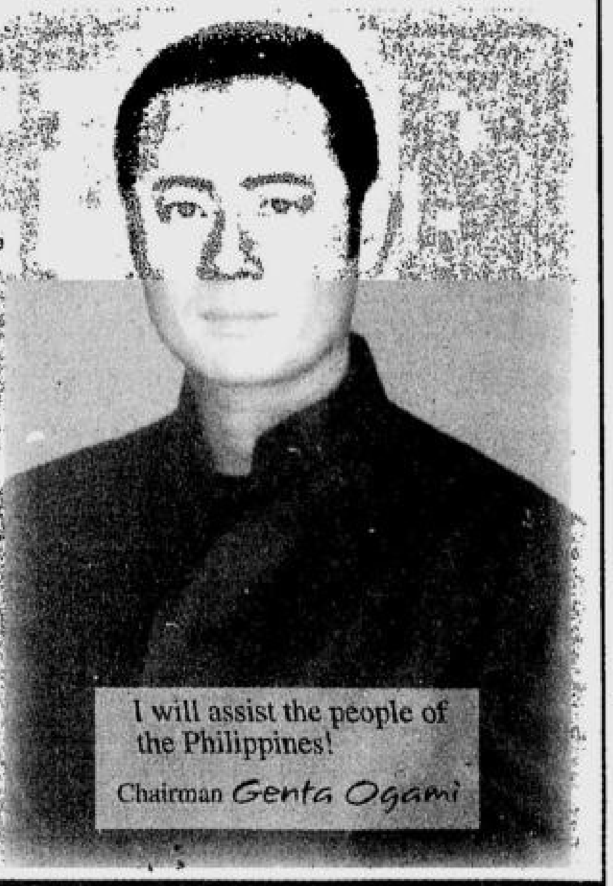

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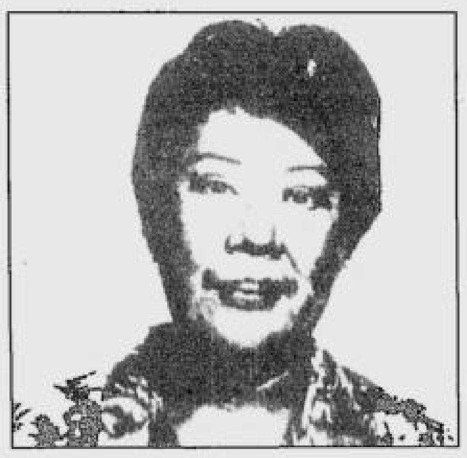

MA. MARTA SIBAL BONOAN

The public is hereby informed that **MA. MARTA SIBAL BONOAN**, whose picture appears above, has a standing warrant of arrest issued by the Honorable Judge Cesar O. Untalan of Quezon City MTC Branch 39. A Resident of No. 24, 6th Street, New Manila, Quezon City. Anyone who knows of her whereabouts is requested to contact Tel. Nos. **731-5510**; **732-2689** immediately. Reward will be given.

(PDI - July 1, 2001)

National Steel Corporation

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS TO BUY

National Steel Corporation is inviting offers to purchase by way of sealed proposals, in cash and on "as-is-where-is" basis, the following assets:

	ASSET DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
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MR. JESUS H. GARCIA	Makati City/Pasig City	Tel. No. (02) 752-4495 / (02) 641-1035
MR. ALAN PITOGO	Iligan City	Tel. No. (063) 221-5427 to 31

Deadline for the submission of proposals will be on July 9, 2001 at 2:00 PM in either of the following addresses;
➢ Unit 2701, 88 Corporate Center Building, 141 Sedeno St. cor. Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City
➢ National Steel Corporation, Elisco Road, Bo. Kalawaan, Pasig City
➢ National Steel Corporation Plant, Suarez, Iligan City
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The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will conduct a prequalification of prospective bidders for One (1) lot Enterprise Security Firewall Solution consisting of Hardware and Software Components.

For prequalification purposes, interested suppliers are required to submit to the Disbursement Control Committee thru the Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, corner A. Mabini and P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila, not later than **July 9, 2001**, photocopies of the following documents (original of Nos. 1 and 2 to be presented for authentication purposes):

1. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership and Business Registration Papers;
2. 2000 Audited Financial Statement (Balance Sheet and Income Statement - Minimum working capital of P1 Million and a networth of P2 Million) and 2000 Income Tax Return;
3. Company history/profile and corporate structure;
4. Certification that their technical team is qualified to install, set-up, configure, and support their proposed system upon deployment to BSP;
5. Certification as to the number of years offering these services;
6. List of reference sites and a list of successful installations or projects of equivalent complexity, environment and volume, with at least one (1) year implementation experience with the vendor providing the proposed services (complete with contact name, address and telephone/fax numbers); and
7. Proof that their product is accredited/certified by any of the following IT Security Committee, as follows:
    - International Information Systems security Certification Consortium or (ISC)²
    - UK IT Sec
    - US government's National Institute of Standards and Technology
    - US National Security Agency
    - The New Firewall Checkmark System

Only those who submit/comply with the above requirements and prequalified by the Bank will be invited to participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised to the prequalified suppliers.

The two envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

For particulars, please contact the Manager II, Procurement Division III, Administrative Services Department, Rm. 212, 2nd Floor, 5-storey Building, Tel. No. 536-59-85.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defect or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS**
Officer-In-Charge
Administrative Services Department

(PDI – July 1, 2001)

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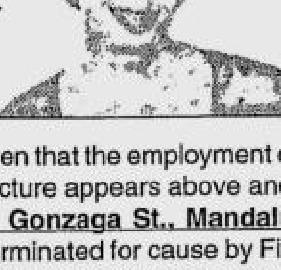

Notice is hereby given that the employment of **Ms. Maribel Akol Ramirez**, whose picture appears above and whose last known address is **532 M. Gonzaga St., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila** has been terminated for cause by Fil Trade Commercial and Development Corporation effective May 22, 2001.

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Prequalification Forms and Terms of Reference may be obtained from the UP Diliman Development and Planning Committee (DPC) Secretariat, Room 10[illegible] College of Business Administration, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from July 9 to 13, 2001. Deadline of submission of duly accomplished prequalification documents will be on July 30, 2001. After the evaluation of the documents submitted, the prequalified developers shall be duly notified of the schedule of activities associated with the process. For inquiries, please call tel. no. 928-4571 loc. 1011 - c/o Ms. Chona Hipol.

(Sgd.) **EMERLINDA R. ROMAN**
Chancellor

(PDI – June 30, July 1, 2001)

PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT COMMAND
Clark Air Base, Philippine Air Force
(Air Force City)
Angeles City, Pampanga

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Philippine Air Force invites all interested parties to pre-qualify and to bid for the Supply and Services Support Agreement (SSSA) for Avionics Repair and Supply of Spare parts.

The Pre-qualification Conference will be held on 16 July 2001 at 0900H at the Air Logistics and Support Command Conference Room, Air Force City, Clark Field, Pampanga.

Bidding schedule shall be announced to all pre-qualified bidders.

The Philippine Air Force reserves the right to reject all bids, waive any defects contained therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please contact **MAJOR HENRY B. SALVADOR**, PAF, Tel. No. 0919-235-3229 ALSC, Air Force City, Clark Field, Pampanga.

(Sgd.) **EDWIN N. GALZOTE**
Colonel, PAF (GSC)
Chairman, PAF BAC

(PDI - July 1, 2001)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

June 22, 2001

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan No. 4301-PH
IFB No. ECD-PMO-011DSWD-002

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for **supply and delivery of Information Technology (IT) Equipment.**
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Project Management Office (PMO) of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes twenty-nine (29) units each of Hi-end Brand Desktop Computer with Modem, Laser Printer and Uninterruptible Power Supply.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **July 4 until July 6, 2001** from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 931-8161, (632) 931-8101 to 07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 951-7116.
4. Bids must be received in a sealed envelope (complete with all requirements) by Ms. Mariciris Jacinto at the same address **not later than July 18, 2001, 10:00 a.m.** Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of two percent (2%) of total bid price. Late quotations will not be accepted.
5. Prior to submission of bid proposals, a **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **July 11, 2001, 2:00 p.m.** at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
6. The DSWD Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein and/or accept the bid as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **Asst. Sec. LOURDES G. BALANON**
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - June 30 & July 1, 2001)

INQUIRER
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By BONG BARRAMEDA

Dope

Q. Who gave us the word 'drug'? What about 'dope'?

A. The word 'drug' derives from the old Dutch *droog*, meaning 'dried,' and was applied to any dry substance such as herbs that were used for medicinal purposes. Around the turn of the century, *drug* took on its secondary, nonmedicinal meaning, used to describe any habit-forming, deteriorative and/or hallucinogenic substance, from nicotine to heroin. As for the origin of *dope*, it has been used by drug addicts to describe any narcotic, nonprescribed drug because it makes the user 'dopey,' which means either mentally confused or dull and stupid.

For the Record. In terms of value, the greatest haul in a drug seizure took place on September 28, 1989, when cocaine with an estimated value of $6 to $7 billion was seized in a raid on a Los Angeles warehouse. The haul of 22 tons was prompted by a tip-off from a local resident who had complained about heavy truck traffic and people leaving the warehouse "at odd hours and in a suspicious manner."

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WORD WATCH

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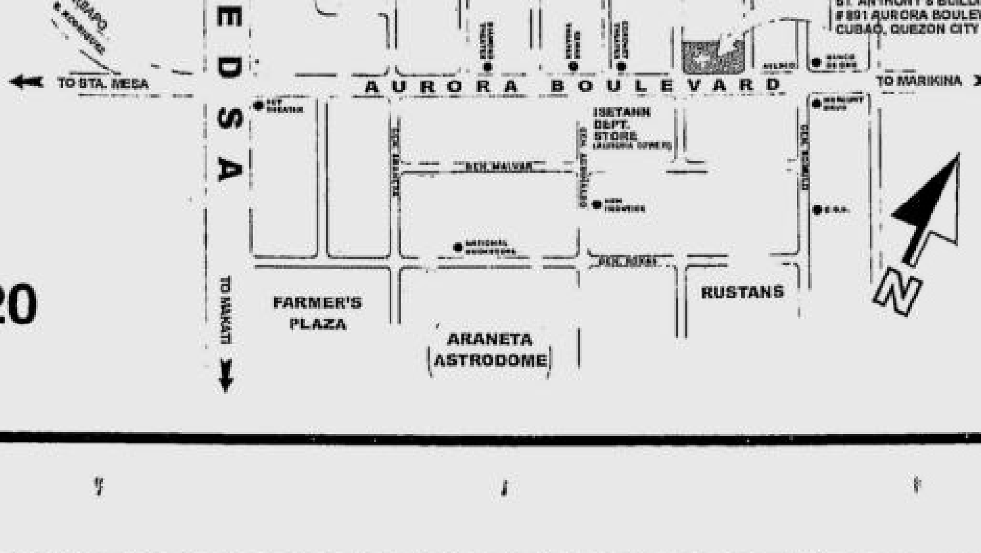

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"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

Hon. ALEJANDRO "ALEX" ASISTIO FIDER

Former Kalookan City Vice Mayor, CFI Judge, Kalookan City Mayor and Assemblyman, Interim Batasang Pambansa

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord on June 27, 2001 at the age of 73.

His loving wife **Mila**; children **Alex** and **Merchie Olivares**; **Erlito** and **Ester Allas**, **Bing** and **Lenchen Abello**, **Ferdi** and **Karen Anastacio**, **Amifaith** and **Jed Reyes**, **Hope** and **Sean Tully** and **Charo**; brother **Gen. Gregorio Fider**; grandchildren **Vania**, **Cyril** and **Alistair**; **Karla**, **Yssa**, **Bea** and **Guia**; **Mayee**, **Katrina** and **Carl Young**, **Nicole** and **Andy**; **Finina** and **Aimee**; **Kristina** and **Alessandra Tully**; relatives and friends request the readers to join them in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine at Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment will be today, July 1, 2001 at the Eternal Gardens, North Expressway Road after the 1:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine.

TEMISTOCLES L. LOZANO

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 29, 2001 at the age of 69.

His bereaved wife **Bohemia**; children **Leo, Nel, Jessica & Tony**; daughters-in-law **Alma, Janice & Diza**; grandchildren **Mica, Jeric, Denise & Danielle**; brothers **Crescenciano, Heriberto & Manuel**; **Violet**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, Sucat, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel.

PEDRO LOPEZ CASTAÑEDA

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 28, 2001 at the age of 64.

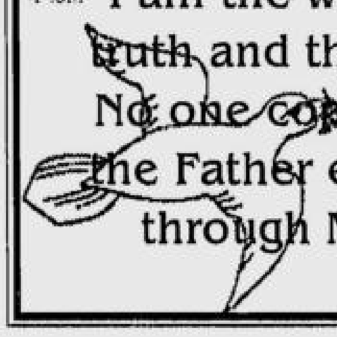
His wife **Eva**; mother-in-law **Francisca**; loving children and in-laws **Ditas** and **Simeon**, **Diana** and **Andy**, **Delia** and **Leila**; grandchildren **Andrea**, **Matthew**, and **Sophia**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Avenue, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City, right after the 9:00 AM Mass at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels.

Cecilia de Ocampo Lagman

Passed on to her eternal reward
On June 27, 2001 at the age of 55.
We ardently request that you pray for the eternal repose of her soul.
Husband **Oscar P. Lagman, Jr.**
Children **Monica**, **Ojay**, and **Maysie**
Father **Pacifico de Ocampo**
Sisters and brothers **Heidi** and **Pete Sison**,
Nina, widow of her brother **Pacifico Jr.**,
Sonjie and **Francis Trillana**,
Bobby and **Marilyn**,
Butch and **Maricar**
Mother-in-law **Lourdes Lagman** and sister-in-law **Leila Cruz**
Nephews and nieces and other relatives.
Her remains lie in state at Chapel 2, St. Alphonsus de Liguori Church
in Magallanes Village, Makati City.
Her remains will be cremated after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, June 30, 2001.
We love you dearly. We will miss you.



"I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

EDITH RESURRECCION ROMASANTA

1941 - 2001
Peacefully joined her Creator on June 27, 2001

Her remains lie in Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Parañaque until July 2, Monday, 8:00 AM. Her body will then be transferred to Equitable Village Chapel, Las Piñas City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2001 at North Cemetery after an 8:00 AM Mass at Equitable Village Chapel, Las Piñas City.

FORESTER FELIX O. CHINTE

Joined our Creator in our Heavenly Home on June 27, 2001 at the age of 94.
His body lies in state at Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Los Baños, Laguna.
His brother, children, in-laws, relatives and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.
Interment will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2001 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

MESSAGE OF THANKS
The family of the late

ROSARIO YU GAW

January 01, 1935 — June 01, 2001

Her beloved sons **Ricky** and **Connie Gaw**, **George** and **Rubynell Gaw**; daughters **Dolly** and **Suking Sy**, **Christina** and **Benito Yu**, **Deanna** and all her grandchildren

Wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to those who in one way or another shared our path and loss by giving us comfort during our time of bereavement, by sending condolences and by offering prayers, Masses and flowers.

Claro Marquez San Luis

(1914 - 2001)

Peacefully joined our Lord on June 28, 2001 at the age of 86.

His loving wife **Ester**, children **Rudy** and **Nympha**, **Carlos** (†) and **Linda**, **Claro Jr.** and **Nilda**, **Lina** and **Lito**, **Baltazar** and **Elena**, **Grace** and **Du Wayne**, **Rebecca** and **George**, **Joy** and **Nonong**, **Boy** and **Vilma**, **Boyet** and **Ruthie**, grandchildren and great grandchildren wish to inform friends and relatives that his body lies in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Avenue, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas, Cavite. For further details, please contact tel. nos. 825-3082, 825-3083, 825-1296.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

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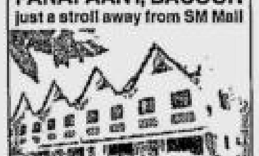

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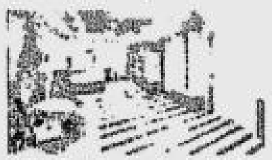

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1. Must not be more than 24 years old;
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3. Certified true copy of Forms 137 & 138 (Permanent Record and Report Card);
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8. Two (2) passport size photographs.

III. Schedule of Examinations/Interviews and Important Dates to Remember

1. Last day for receiving/evaluation of applications to qualify for the Examination and Interview: **July 05, 2001**
2. Examination/Interview Dates (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m./Year 2001)

Area	*Date*	*Venue*
Visayas	July 07 (Sat.)	Southwestern University, Cebu City
Zamboanga and Basilan	July 14 (Sat.)	Western Mindanao State University Zamboanga City
Sulu	July 15 (Sun.)	Sulu State College LHS, Jolo, Sulu
Tawi-Tawi	July 18 (Wed.)	MSU-TCTO, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
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3. Pre-Selection Evaluation: **Aug. 13-16, 2001**
4. Transmittal to Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: **Aug. 17, 2001**

Note:
1. The following are advised not to apply: (a) those not presently enrolled as first year; and (2) those enrolled in courses not mentioned above.
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For more information, please contact:

1. The Program Secretariat, IDB-Scholarship Program in the Philippines
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PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF THE CLOSED RURAL BANK OF SAN MIGUEL (BULACAN), INC. (RBSM)

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) will conduct its final receiving of claims for insured deposits in the closed Rural Bank of San Miguel (Bulacan), Inc. (RBSM) on July 16, 2001. Relative thereto, depositors are advised to proceed to designated payoff sites on dates indicated in the schedule (please refer to table below), where PDIC representatives are stationed, to file their claims for insured deposits. Claim forms will be issued free of charge. PDIC representatives shall service claims and entertain queries during office hours, Mondays to Fridays.

Payoff Sites	RBSM Branch	Servicing Dates
RBSM - Bustos Branch Poblacion, Bustos, Bulacan	Plaridel Bustos Baliuag	July 3 - 16, 2001
RBSM - San Miguel Branch Tecson Street, San Jose, San Miguel, Bulacan	San Miguel San Rafael San Ildefonso	July 3 - 16, 2001
Rural Bank of Del Pilar (Bulacan), Inc. Corner Daang Estacion & P. Molina Streets, San Jose, Bulacan, Bulacan	Sta. Maria Bocaue Balagtas Obando Bulacan	July 3 - 16, 2001
RBSM - Malolos Branch Paseo del Congreso, Barasoain, Malolos, Bulacan	Malolos Hagonoy	July 3 - 16, 2001
Second Bulacan Development Bank, (Bulacan), Inc. McArthur Highway, Calvario, Meycauayan, Bulacan	Meycauayan Marilao	July 3 - 16, 2001

Note: For the period July 3 - July 9, 2001, PDIC representatives will only be accepting claims. Payment of processed claims shall be made from July 10 - 16, 2001.

Depositors are advised to present the following requirements to the PDIC representatives when filing their claims for insured deposits:

1. Original evidence of deposits (i.e. savings passbook, Certificate of Time Deposits, latest bank statement, unused check);
2. Two (2) latest valid identification cards/documents (Ids) with depositor's specimen signature.

Other documents maybe required by the PDIC representatives in the course of claims processing.

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 3591 as amended, the prescriptive date (last day) for filing claims for insured deposits in the closed Rural Bank of San Miguel (Bulacan), Inc. is on July 16, 2001. After July 16, 2001, PDIC as insurer shall no longer accept any claim for insured deposits maintained with the said closed bank.

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Finance head spends his weekends counting sheep

(From page B1)

"It's hard to keep the kids' interests," he says about his children whose ages range from four to 17 years old.

Other than animals, Camacho also collects antiques, Filipino-Chinese furniture and paintings.

Middle class beginnings

While Camacho's hobbies are not for the hoi poloi, he actually comes from middle class beginnings.

He even used to take the jeep to school every morning.

"Very proletariat" is how he describes his earlier life.

There is nothing proletariat about his life now although there is no trace of snobbishness in his ways and he shows a genuine interest in people.

His eldest daughter is in a boarding school in England, while his other kids are enrolled either in the International School or in the European School.

Camacho explains that he and his wife decided to put their children in these schools because they were exposed early on to the British systems when he was assigned abroad.

Camacho worked for over 20 years as an investment banker after getting his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Harvard Business School. Many of these years were spent in New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore working for Bankers Trust Company and then Deutsche bank AG.

His last post was managing director and chief country officer for the Philippines when he was suddenly plucked out of the private sector to help the fledgling Macapagal-Arroyo government.

His first post was Energy secretary.

Camacho says however it was not the first time he was asked to join the government.

"The first time was in 1986 when I was asked to be an undersecretary and president of one of the government financial institutions," Camacho tells SundayBiz.

The problem then was that he was underage.

Even the Ramos and Estrada administrations asked him at one time or another to join their administration

"It was very fortunate that when the time came for me to join government again, I was in a position where I felt I could really do something about. It's meaningful and it is where the skills I have are useful," the Bataan native says.

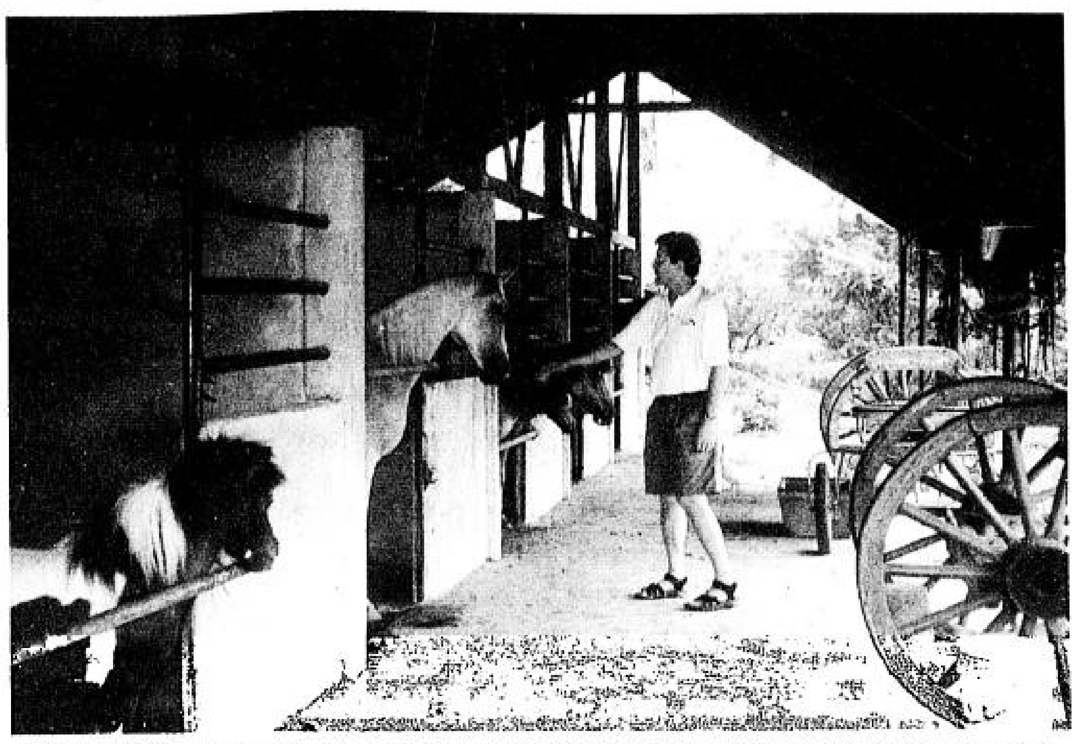
His skills in conducting high-level negotiations on loan facilities, financing mechanisms and dealing with fellow bankers will certainly come in handy in his new role as finance secretary.

He also has the added advantage of seeing first hand how foreign investors look at things, given his experience working in different posts abroad.

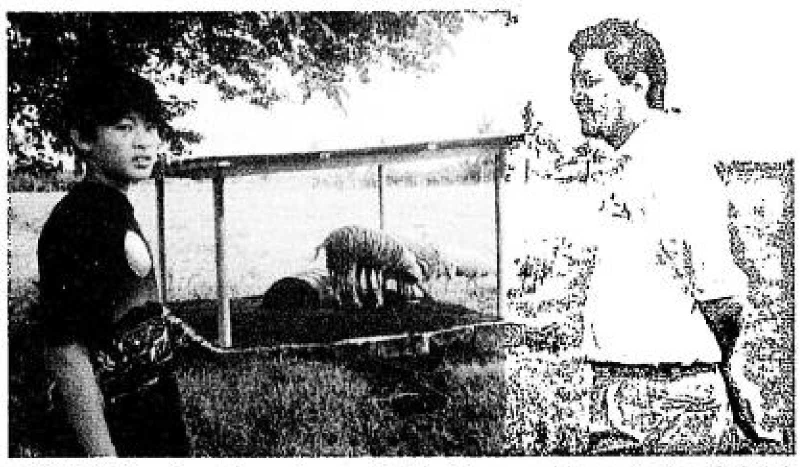
"That experience could help a lot," he says in his usual calm voice. "This is always positive because it could lead to change."

He stresses training in a profession where change is inevitable, where people think and act as agents of change.

SHETLAND ponies are among the playmates of Joaquin Arsenio and Simon Teodoro Camacho.



INSTEAD of playing golf, Finance Secretary Lito Camacho drives to his farm in Laguna.



CAMACHO enjoys time alone with his 14-year old son Carlos Gabriel.

"Innovation is the key, if you're always thinking of the old ways—This is the way it has always been done, this is the way it will always be done —you will never be able to innovate beyond where you are now," he says.

This could very well be his reason for not bringing his own staff when he took over the energy portfolio and then finance.

"At first, I was apprehensive because everybody was telling me to bring my own people," he shares.

But for the most part, he says, it's not so difficult if you have a competent staff.

"You cannot be successful if you think you can do it alone, you have to work with other people," he says.

Camacho himself works in a relaxed mood.

He says he does not read leadership and management books and that the ones he receive as gifts go straight to the shelves.

He adds that he works more with common sense and that he believes in the general goodness of people.

LOTS of books on management and leadership end up in the shelves. He relies on common sense.

"People will respond to goodness with goodness, and if they respond with evil, you can't help that anymore," Camacho says.

He also says he does not take criticisms badly but takes them for what they're worth. He may refute these but would keep it to himself.

Thus, one can hardly imagine him to be a person languishing in the "snake pit" that another Cabinet official from the past administration has described.

"I don't think this Cabinet is a snake pit. The President is a very professional manager, she runs the Cabinet like a corporate board," he says.

Family life

Despite the considerable demands on his time as finance secretary, he says family remains central to his life.

Just like the first time he met the press, he speaks fondly of his six children and his wife whom he describes as "a very, very competent lady and more intelligent than I am."

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THE "BRAVE" and determined nine with their mentors from the Ateneo de Manila University

ROMY HOMILLADA

A study program allows Fil-Am students at the University of San Francisco to spend a month in the Philippines and rediscover, perhaps love again, what their parents have left behind

A return to roots

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA,

A DAUGHTER'S early demise gave birth to a grant that now enables young Filipinos from the Bay Area in California to come to the Philippines and trace the roots of their parents' homeland.

Maria Elena "Lenny" Yuchengco graduated summa cum laude in 1985 from the University of San Francisco (USF) with a degree in business administration. Thirteen years later, in February 1998, she passed away at age 36.

The following year, her father, Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco, a man known for his philanthropy in the field of education, together with the rest of his family, established the Maria Elena Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program at USF, Lenny's alma mater.

Lawyer Guia Qua, Lenny's niece, says that the program at USF was established primarily because her grandfather felt many Filipino-Americans born and raised in the Bay Area had already lost their sense of being Filipino. "They hardly have any knowledge of their culture, roots and history. We are hoping that, through this program, they can learn to better appreciate their heritage and culture."

The program is the first of its kind in the US. A substantial endowment was given to USF to develop programs that would make it the center for Philippine studies in the US. It also endeavors to graduate students with a Philippine Studies degree.

There is a six-member committee, one of whom is a member of the Yuchengco family, who plans and oversees the program.

Immersion

The program has three courses: on Philippine politics, Philippine history and on Philippine culture and society. There are exhibitions, public lectures and seminars on the Philippines held throughout the schoolyear.

Perhaps, the most interesting and practical component of the program is the student immersion held for a month each summer. In collaboration with the Ateneo de Manila University, a Jesuit-run institution like USF, Fil-Am students from the USF come to Manila and "soak" themselves in all things Filipino for a month.

The program, now on its second year, is under the guidance of the Interdisciplinary Studies program in which its chair, Dr. Rofel G. Brion, is USF academic coordinator. Brion says that for many of these students the month spent in Manila is an eye-opener. Their stay ingrains in them what it is like to be truly Filipino.

"The lessons learned within the classroom are nothing compared to the experiences they have had in the past month," Brion says.

There were 40 applicants this year. Twenty-five students were chosen by a screening board at USF but only nine made it to the Philippines.

Brion relates that the dropout rate this year was very high because of Edsa 3 and the Abu Sayyaf crisis. "A lot of them dropped out at the last minute because their parents refused to let them go."

For the "brave" and determined nine who were set, a wealth of experience awaited.

"The key to getting my parents' consent was the unrefundable tickets," said a participant. "We told them that there was no way we were *not* going to the Philippines, Abu Sayyaf notwithstanding." All nine spent for their round-trip tickets.

For 30 days from late May to June, the students were billeted at the Orange Place, a student hotel close to the AdMU campus. The Fil-Am students—Glen Andag, Vincent Ike Balbuena, Trisha Cabeje, John Paul Capulong, Angelica Enriquez, Melveen Longboy, James Panganiban, Jacqueline Rastrullo—and American student Alicia Justice attended lectures on survival Tagalog, traditional Philippine society in the 16th-18th century, Philippine literature, Philippine politics and governance, pop culture and popular Christianity.

They also toured the National Museum, Luneta, Intramuros, Chinatown, Laguna and the Ayala Museum. There were classes on publication trends taught by Bookmark's Lory Tan, and a lecture on Philippine cuisine by Gene Gonzalez. They even watched the movie "Anak," which, many of them later commented, made them appreciate so much more their parents back home.

Eye opener

For most of the students, the highlight and most memorable part of their stay was the opportunity to interact with the less fortunate children of Vitas, Tondo. For two days, the students did area work with Musmos, an organization that caters to the needs of the young children in depressed areas.

"Being with the children opened our eyes to the disparity between the rich and the poor here," Panganiban says.

"It makes you thankful for what you've got and will really make you live more simply," Rastrullo adds.

"It was an aspect of Filipino life

A RETURN/ p.C2

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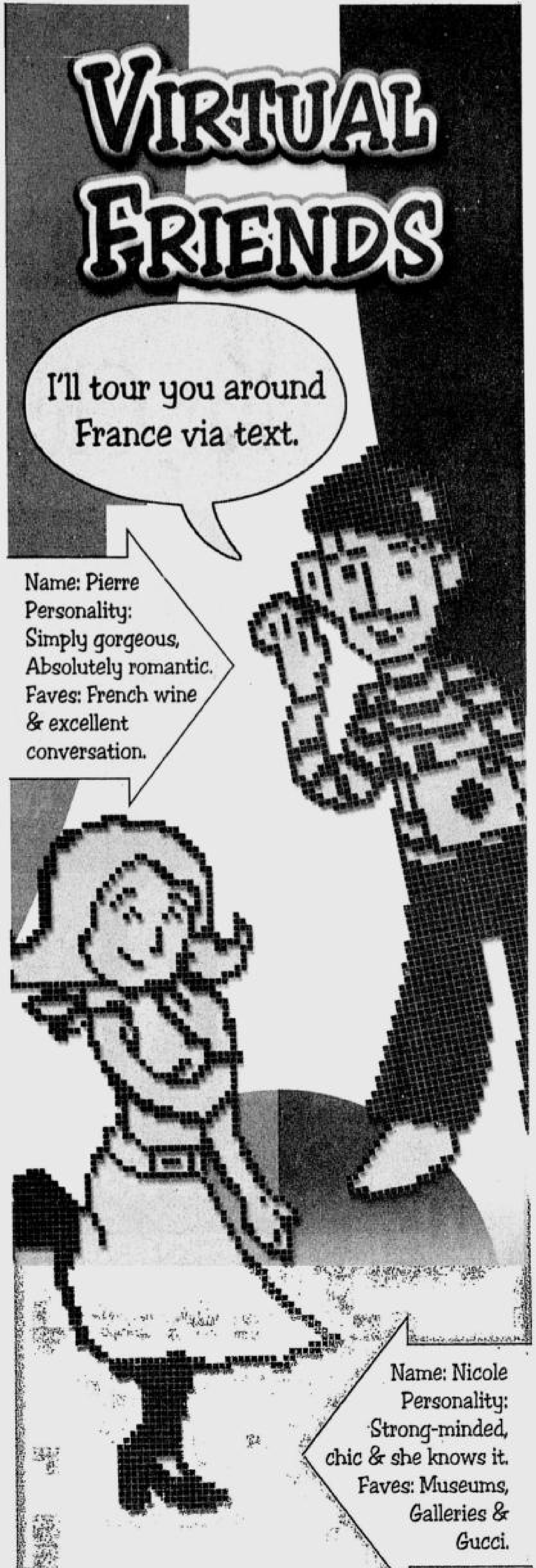

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Dr. Gene Abes

HEXETIDINE: HOW A FEW GARGLES A DAY CAN KEEP A SORE THROAT AWAY

Dr. Gene Abes, a Master of Public Health graduate, is the chairman of the ENT Department of the Philippine General Hospital.

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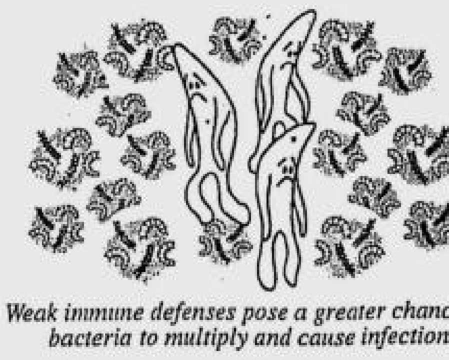

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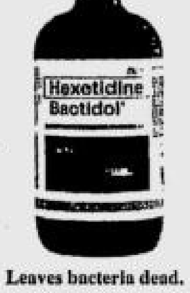

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BLAST FROM THE PAST. On the stairs of Casa Manila, Intramuros

A return to roots

(From page C1)

that we never would have seen if we were here with our parents, and I am so glad that we were given this chance to be with these children," says another.

The exposure in Vitas has inspired them to raise funds for these children when they go back home. JP, James, Vinnie, Angelica and Glen, who are members of the Filipino Club at USF aptly called Kasamahan, which counts 150 members from the USF student community, are hoping to put up a multimedia presentation that would inspire other Filipinos back home to share their resources with the less fortunate children here. Filipinos, JP said, account for the largest percentage of the 30-percent Asian community of students at USF.

Seven out of the eight Fil-Ams were born and raised in the US, and all of them, except Angelica, speak little or no Tagalog. After a month in the Philippines, they return home with hearts more Filipino than when they came.

Their letter to Ambassador Yuchengco says it best: "Through your generosity, our group had the opportunity to achieve a higher understanding of our roots, our family and our identity as young adults living in a culture whose values come in direct conflict with those by which we are raised... The gift is one that will last a lifetime, affecting not just our individual lives, but also the community. Not only have our experiences offered guidance in maintaining more civil relations with our families, but they have also contributed to an increase in social awareness that has inspired many of us in our future career endeavors and how we will pattern the rest of our lives. Thank you for the invaluable gift of perspective, of strengthened spirituality, and for opening our eyes to ourselves and to the needs of the people around us."

JAMES and JP at Bahay Tsinoy

Surely, for the Yuchengcos, Lenny's memory lives on in the heart of each student who returns to America a renewed Filipino.

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A taipan's ethnic exclusivism

(From page C8)

four months together examining the complexities of life in the US. They will be exposed to American journalistic practices and standards through seminars, briefings and visits to newsrooms, large and small.

Over 200 journalists from print, radio and TV the world over vied for the coveted slots. The number was whittled to 30 before a board composed of American journalists and heads of corporate sponsors chose the final 10.

Vergara is famous for his razor-sharp critique of show-biz fashion at local awards, and he is a feature writer who has covered the gamut of the lifestyle spectrum. No one deserves the WPI fellowship more than Alex.

Free speech

I AM very upset with and disappointed by the item regarding the opening of the art exhibit of **Hermes Alegre** on June 14 (PDI Lifestyle, 06/24/01). It put our café-gallery and our sponsors in an embarrassing and undeserved light.

The article states that Alegre does not have shows outside of Ad Infinitum. However, it is a fact that his last show was at the Ayala Museum. The cocktails were served after the ribbon-cutting ceremonies as protocol dictated that deference be given to our guests of honor. The article mentioned that the artist was treated as a nonentity in his own show when in fact, during the opening ceremonies, I cited the press release regarding his history, achievements and awards. I then explained his theme, "Nymphs in Bloom," which depicted the rural Filipina as icon of beauty amid native flora and fauna. The French ambassador, in turn, gave a short speech praising the artist and the good relations between France and the Philippines in promoting culture and the arts.

Among the other guests of honor were **Thelma Gana** and the Friends of the CCP, **Renaud Fessaguet** of Alliance Française, **Lynne Abanilla** of Manila Bulletin and **Babs Jasmin** of the Department of Tourism representing Secretary **Richard Gordon**.

The café-gallery provided the cocktails, which were cosponsored by the Restaurant Owners Association of Malate Inc., represented by the Republic of Malate and Raj Restaurant. Another noted sponsor, the Alliance Française, provided wine. Another sponsor was Tahanan Books, which provided the beautiful invitations, posters and brochures. The Department of Tourism and the Philippine Convention and Visitors Bureau Inc. supported the event as part of their promotion for "The New Malate."

Definitely no one was turned away. The turnout of guests was quite impressive and being a sidewalk café-gallery, many passersby walked in, joined the guests to view the collection, and were also served cocktails.

Regarding the pricing, as a marketing strategy, we offered discounts to buyers during the pre-selling period and returned to regular prices at the opening date of the show.

(Sgd.) **GUIA A. MORALES**
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The item was based on observations made by guests and art industry players during the opening.—Ed.

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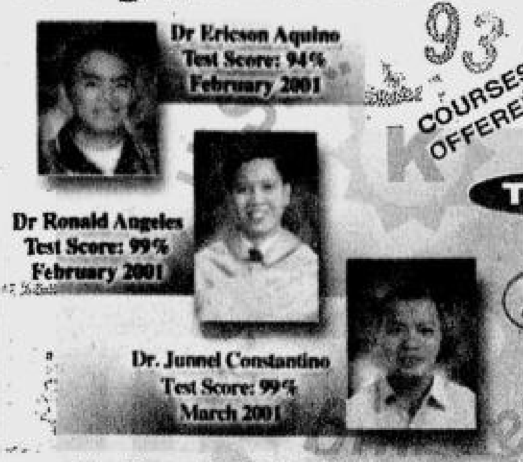

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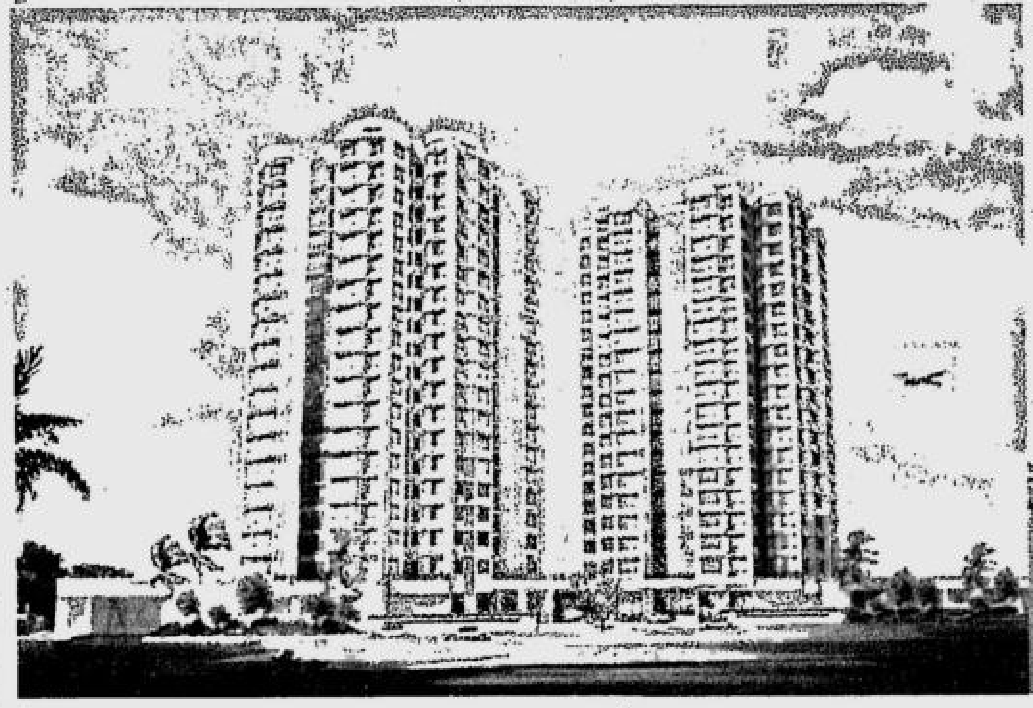

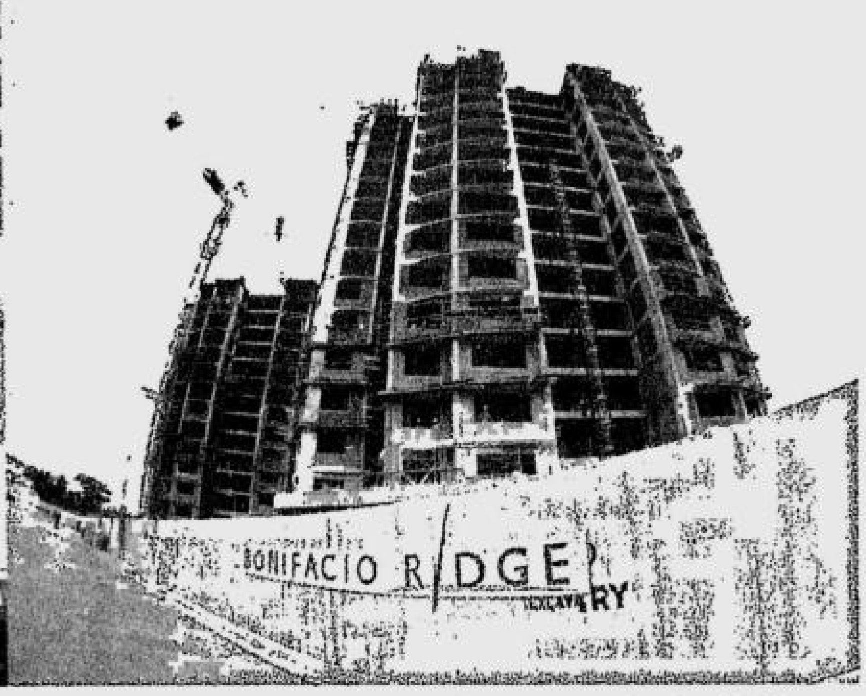

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"This being our first residential project, we want Bonifacio Ridge to be the benchmark of future developments. We want to give young executives and professionals a taste of the good life in the Global City." Charlie Rufino, FBDC senior vice president for commercial operations 1 and Bonifacio Ridge project director's wish for excellence in the project has been granted.

What with its prime location on a 1.7-hectare lots alongside the magnificent greenery offered by the Manila Golf Course, mere minutes away from the Makati and Ortigas Central Business Districts via the Kalayaan Flyover and the C-5 interchange, residents are within reach of anything and everything they may ever need. "I work in Makati but find myself in Ortigas Center for meetings often. I need to be minutes away from Alabang too, where my parents reside." Gusi Balatbat, investment banker and unit owner describes his dilemma, one that living in Bonifacio Ridge will solve.

Bonifacio Ridge will be replete with amenities and conveniences to make life comfortable, convenient and luxurious. State-of-the-art telecommunications systems will allow speedy internet and cable access. Piped-in gas will eliminate the need for dangerous and bulky LPG tanks. The Meralco pre-paid card will be available for the first time in the Philippines and will be used in Bonifacio Ridge. Efficient use of water will be guaranteed with the dual pipe system for potable and non-potable water. All these privileges will soon be enjoyed, and an additional perk is the affordability and investment advantage. "It is also a good investment," Bobby Claudio, chief executive officer of Toby's Sports, claims. "The potential for appreciation is very high. Bonifacio gives value for money. At its price you get to stay in a new city that's being developed with world-class standards."

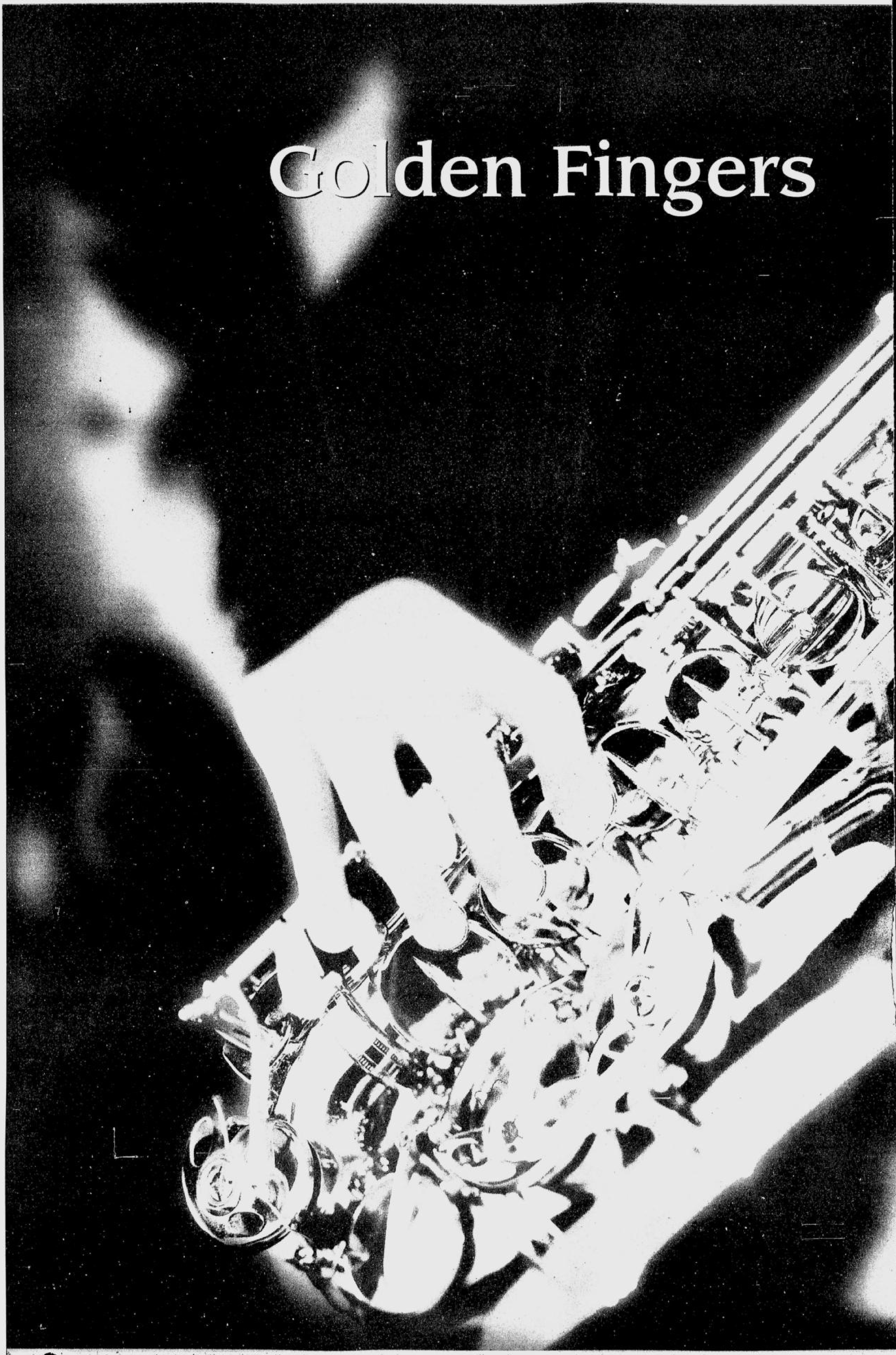
The confidence Bonifacio Ridge enjoys from these customers is attributed to FBDC's commitment to deliver only the best. This is achieved by partnering with only the best who also strive for excellence. One such partnership for Bonifacio Ridge is the one between L&M Maxco, general contractor and BCMC, construction manager, both of whom are vying for ISO accreditation. Their efforts in this project are encapsulated in QC/QA, quality control and quality assurance. "L&M Maxco oversees the hands-on quality control on a daily basis and BCM conducts independent checks in order to assure this quality," explains Andy Freeman, BCM general manager.

A lush and colorful landscape has been designed to festoon and adorn the 18-storey towers and their surroundings, which boast of jogging paths, a swimming pool, putting green and playgrounds. The fragrance of flowering plants will waft through the air making daily living a complete sensory experience, This attention to detail is an effort to give the towers a strong point of difference, another distinctive highlight of the quality of lifestyle Bonifacio Ridge offers to its future homeowners, as planned in the landscape design of Bonifacio Trees and Greens Corporation.

The superior architectural design of Bonifacio Ridge is the handiwork of Rogelio Villarosa Architects and Partners. "We wanted to afford residents with maximum views, which is why we opted for this design with more angles as is it yields more windows and corners. This also allows the free flow of natural air and light," stated Architect Roger Villarosa.

With the concerted effort of the FBDC management and Bonifacio Ridge design and construction team, the plans have come to life in order to allow residents to live the life they planned for.

Bonifacio Ridge is scheduled for a ceremonial topping-off on July 2, 2001. For more information contact the Bonifacio Ridge Sales and Marketing Group at 887-1691 / 555-1251.



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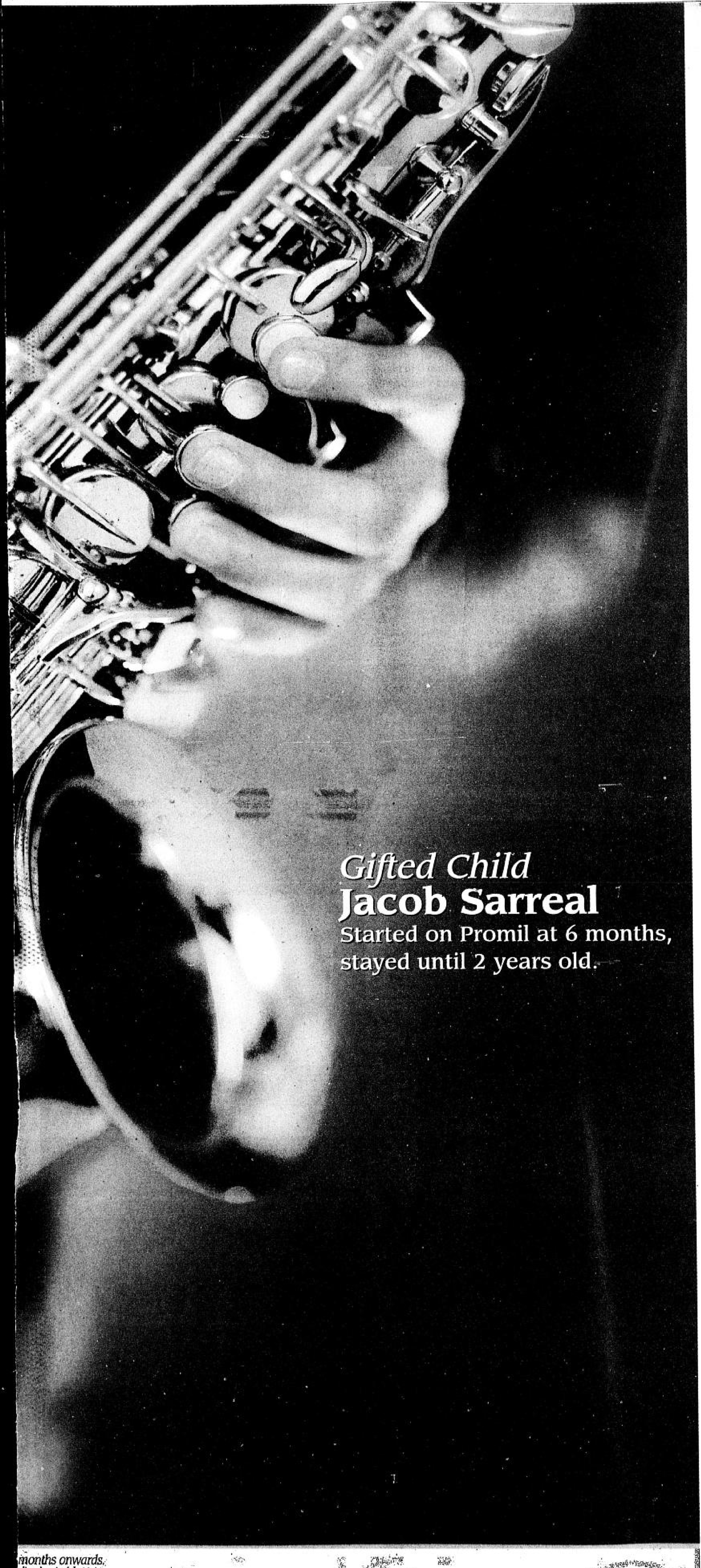

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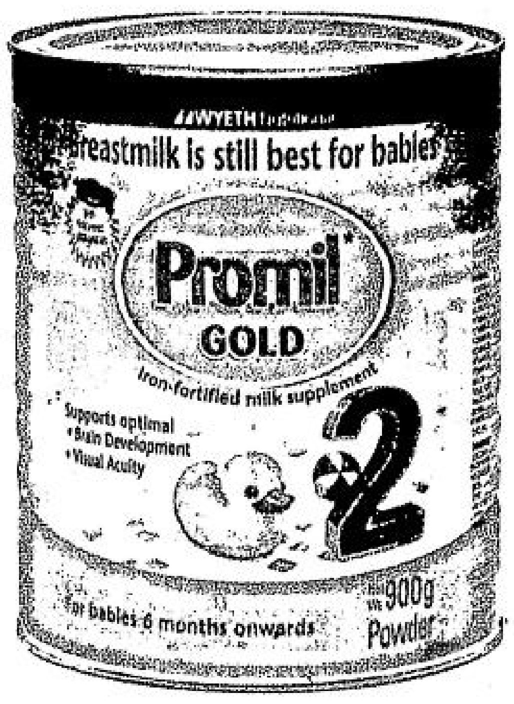
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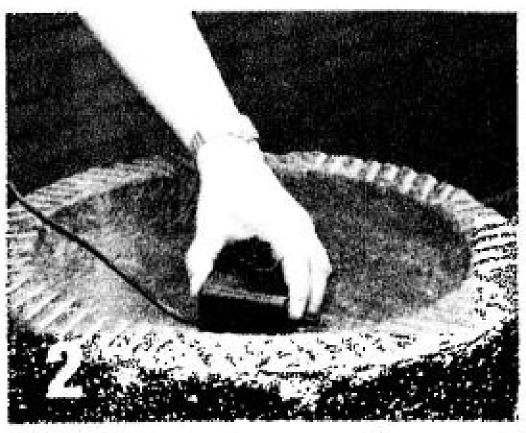
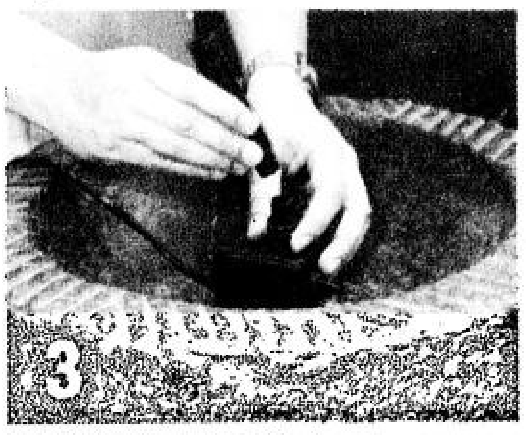


POSITION the water pump at the center of the dish.



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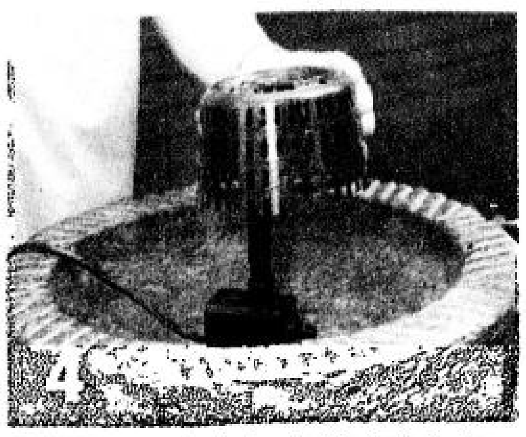

COVER with plastic basket to isolate the pump from the stones.

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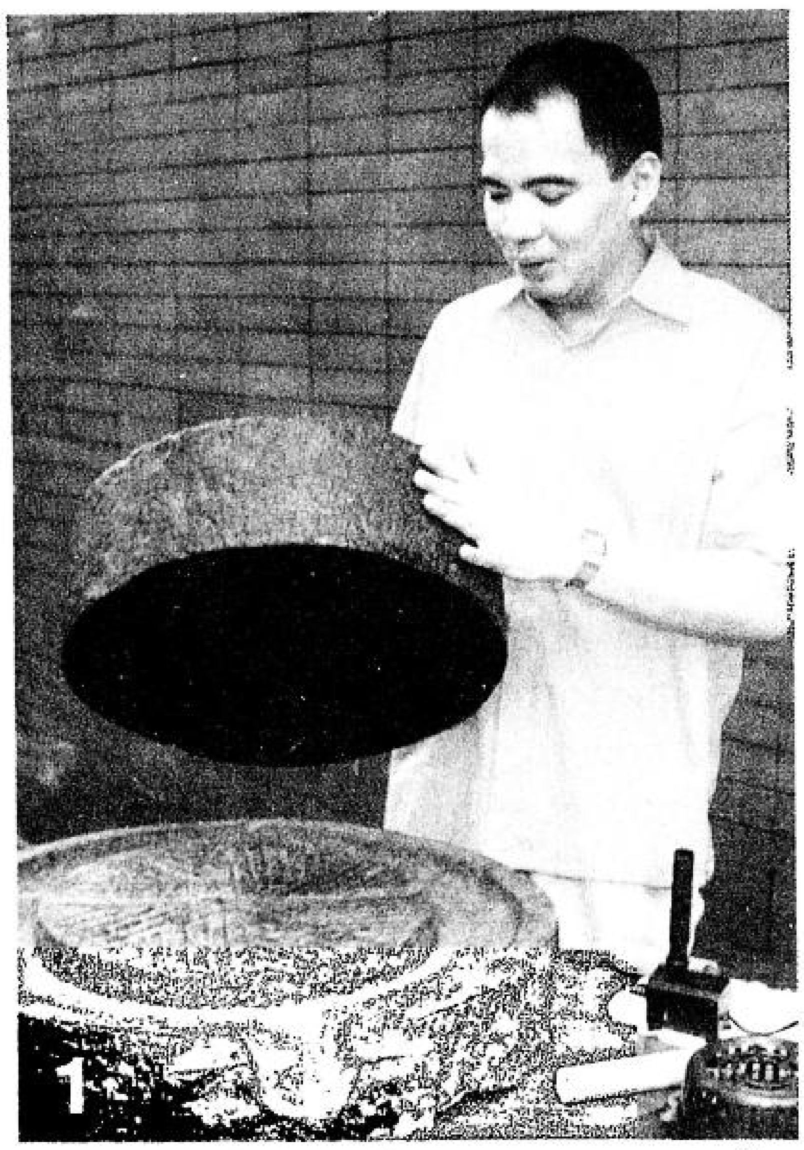


PREPARE the dish of your choice.

An indoor fountain can liven up your living space, its spray of water and its accessories of flowers and plants a sight to induce tranquility

By Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Roger Carpio

PRETTIFY your house with this table-top fountain that will blend beautifully with any country or tropical motif. This fountain will also enhance the splendor of classical furniture.

"It's actually a cross between a fountain and a flower arrangement," says Jerome de Jesus of Portofino, a family-owned company specializing in interior design and landscapes (tels. 933-6275 or 933-6224). "But, it can also pass as a dish garden arrangement."

CRAFT

A decorative object in its own right, this indoor fountain makes a welcome accessory for the living room. It can be arranged as a table centerpiece or as an accent piece for the side tables. Some people even place it in their foyer.

Craft

If you create this fountain yourself, it will cost you a little less than if you buy one from a garden shop or an appliance store. A small fountain costs P3,000-6,000. If you make your own, Jerome says, you'll spend less than P1,500.

To begin the process, you will need a basin or a dish for the fountain. "It can be any container [metal, plastic, ceramic, stoneware or clay pots] as long as it doesn't leak," warns Jerome. Or, you can buy commercially available ikebana dish at any Japanese grocery store for P500-600.

You will also need river stones and metamorphic rocks (or sedimentary rocks) for this craft. These stones can be purchased from any garden shop for P250 or less per drum. Choose stones with smooth edges. If you're living in the province or if you're going to the beach, you can pick up some good stones along the way.

Choose a low-capacity water pump for this arrangement. Actually, there are different types of water pumps in the market, but if you're using a small dish, you don't need a high-powered pump. A low-capacity "power head" water pump may costs P500-600 at True Value and other pet shops.

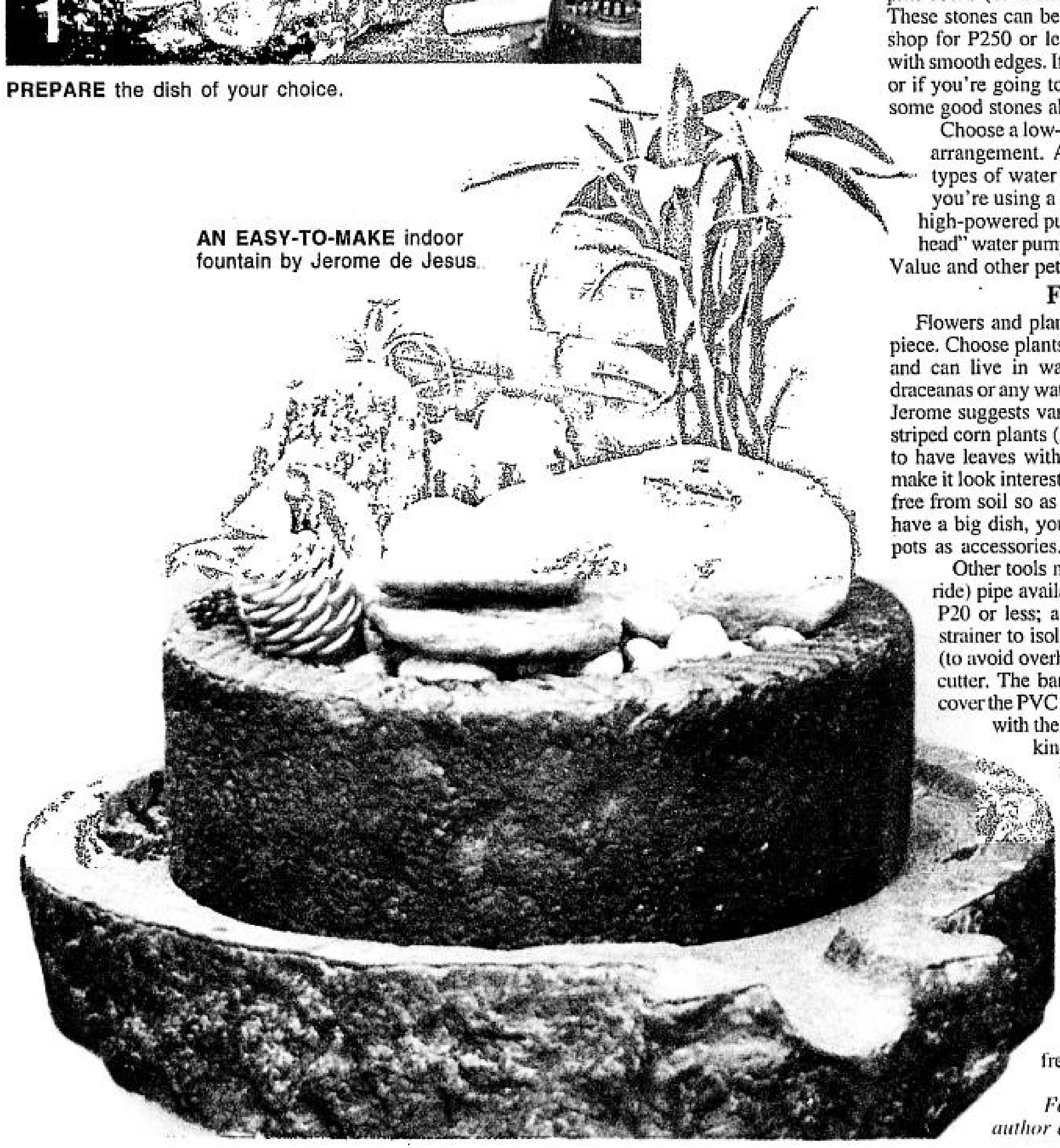
Floral art

Flowers and plants play a big role in this art piece. Choose plants that will thrive on low light and can live in water, such as fortune plants, draceanas or any water plant. For a unique appeal, Jerome suggests variegated water plants like the striped corn plants (shown in pictures). "It's nice to have leaves with patterns or white specks to make it look interesting." Make sure the roots are free from soil so as not to clog the pump. If you have a big dish, you can put driftwood or small pots as accessories.

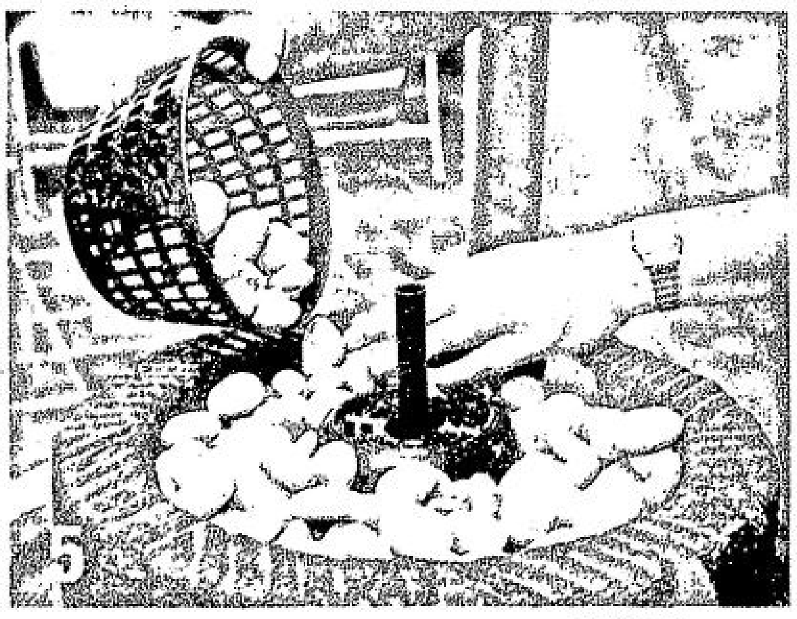
Other tools needed: PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipe available at all hardware shops for P20 or less; a small basket or an ordinary strainer to isolate the stones from the pump (to avoid overheating); a bamboo tube and a cutter. The bamboo tube is utilized only to cover the PVC pipe to perfectly suit and blend with the landscape. "Actually, this is a kind of landscaping except that it is contained in a small dish," says Jerome. "But the elements of a common landscape are all here, such as water, stones and plants."

There is no hard and fast rule in arranging the stones, plants and water. "Unlike the Japanese Zen that follows certain guidelines in flower arrangement, this particular craft is simply a matter of filling up an empty space. It's free-style decoration."

For suggestions, e-mail the author at vbaga@inquirer. com.ph

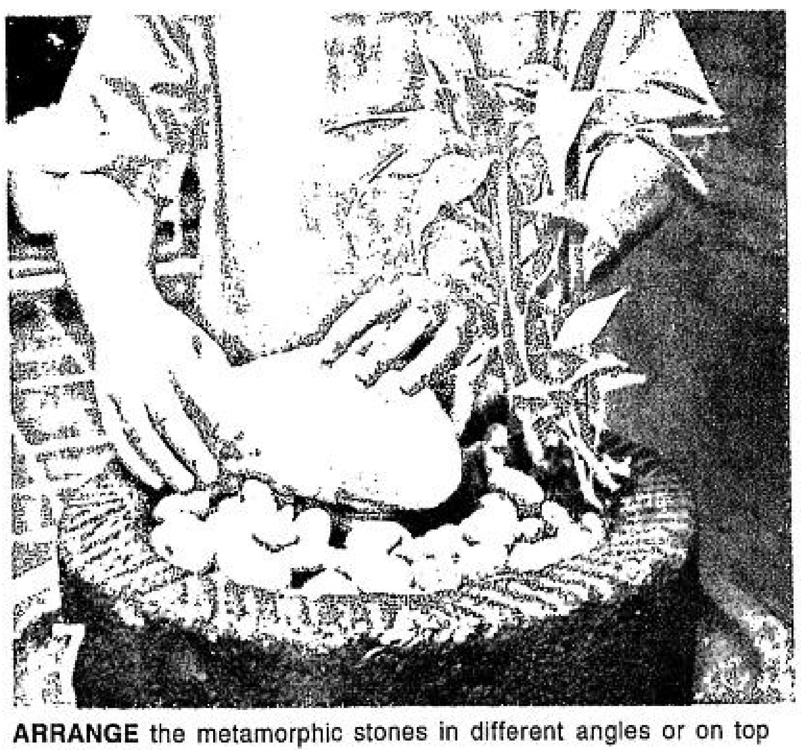


AN EASY-TO-MAKE indoor fountain by Jerome de Jesus.

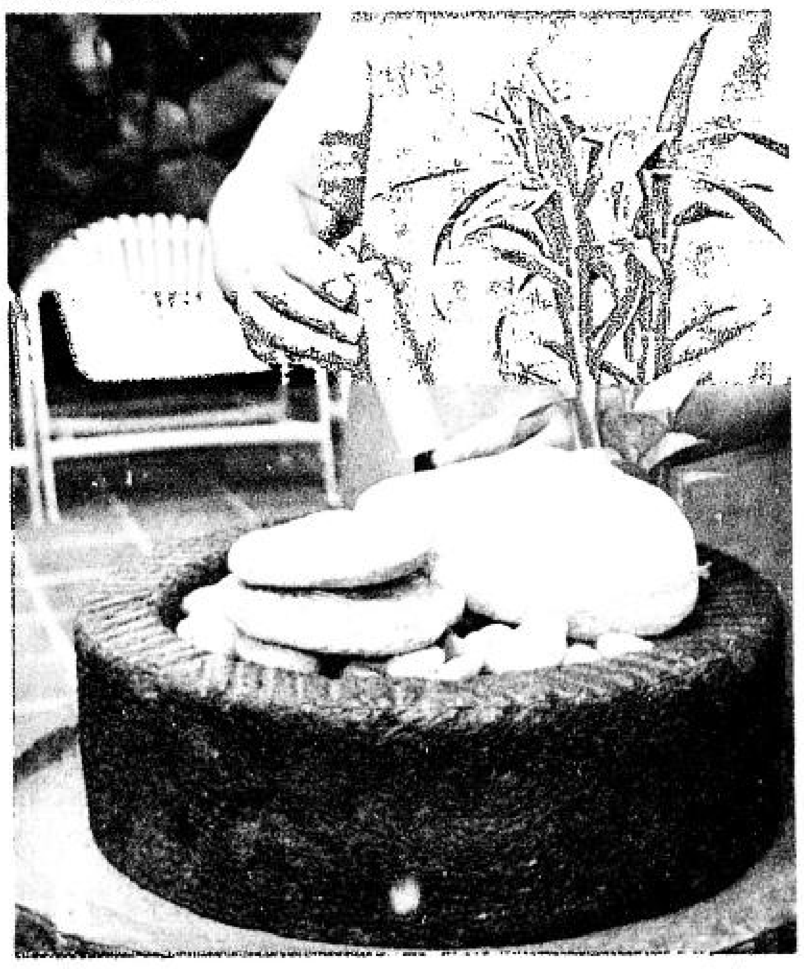


QUALLY distribute the stones conceal the basket.

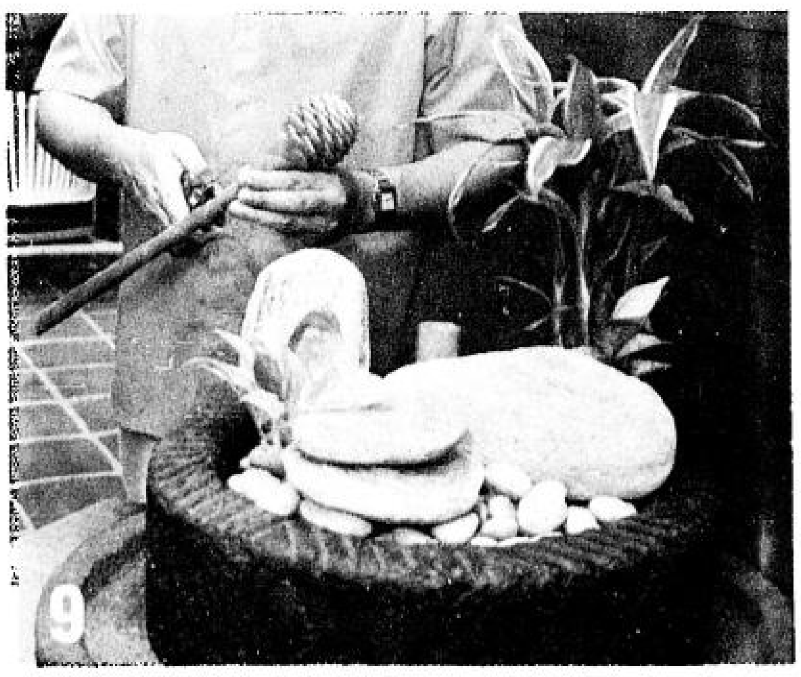
INSERT the plants.



ARRANGE the metamorphic stones in different angles or on top of each other.



AS part of the accent, insert the bamboo tube into the PVC pipe.



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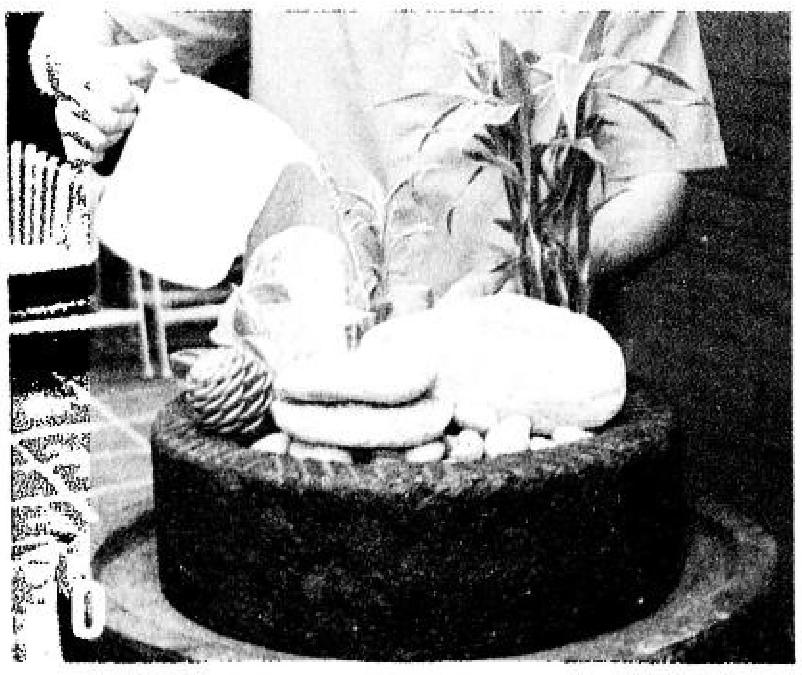

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A big bash for Jovy

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SEN. Loren Legarda

AUTHOR Jovito Salonga (center) with former President Corazon C. Aquino and Sen. Joker Arroyo

PHOTOS: BETOY JOHNSON

A GLITTERING affair was the launch of former Sen. Jovito R. Salonga's memoir "A Journey of Struggle & Hope." Held at Ballroom 1 of Valle Verde Country Club in Pasig City on June 17, it drew such a multisectoral crowd that the wide hall was filled to capacity, unusual for a book launching.

After the opening prayer led by Philippine Christian University president Oscar S. Suarez, The Lord's Prayer in a classical musical arrangement was sung by Englishman Douglas Marson.

In his opening remarks, former UP president José V. Abueva eloquently spoke of leadership, nation-building, the writing of memoirs. Elucidating on the value of a memoir in the reevaluation of history, he asked his audience to keep their own, put it in a vault, and wait even if it has to be published posthumously.

Brief comments by notable personalities close to Salonga followed. University of the Philippines classmate Manuel B. Montecillo reminisced about the College of Liberal Arts Class of 1936 and the College of Law Class of 1942.

Of the former, Montecillo remembered two groups of students: The scholarly, to which Salonga belonged, and the porch lizards, those playboys and idlers girl-watching on the porch during breaks. Of the latter, he recalled it as the invisible class, the class that never was, caught as it was in the midst of the Pacific War.

Supreme Court Justice Artemio V. Panganiban talked with wonder about his former mentor. He was Salonga's student at the Far Eastern University College of Law, who later became his mentor's personal legal council when Salonga was Senate president. It was a well-applauded speech.

As intermission, classical singer Aileen Espinosa-Cura rendered a stirring, highly lyrical interpretation of "Ako Ay Pilipino."

Four heroes

The laid-back speech of former Ambassador and Justice Secretary Sedfrey A. Ordoñez, Salonga's former law partner, was followed by the fiery comments of Sen. Joker P. Arroyo.

The irrepressible senator recalled the martial-law years, and plunder from Presidents Marcos to Estrada. He spoke of "the four heroes who emerged from martial law"—Benigno Aquino Jr., Lorenzo Tañada, José W. Diokno and Salonga—who were all "present at the creation," that is, they were there in the thick of events.

Salonga, in a sky-blue shirt, himself introduced the guest of honor, former President Corazon C. Aquino, dressed in ripe pink. She was welcomed with a standing ovation.

As introduction, she naughtily revealed that Arroyo just slipped her a piece of paper, as he used to do when he was on her Cabinet as executive secretary. This particular note was saying: "All the speakers are lawyers." The she brought the house down: "I guess he expected me to quake and quiver? *Hindi sa pagyayabang, marami na rin akong natanggap na* honorary doctorates *sa* law."

As she spoke, President Cory was breathless like a schoolgirl, sometimes her voice quivered, and she would shift from English to Tagalog effortlessly. She remembered consulting with her late husband Ninoy's 12 lawyers, Salonga being one of them, handling the underage issue when Aquino won a contested Senate seat.

Ending her speech, she said: "Happy birthday, Jovy! I'm sorry I've not become a lawyer, *pero puwede na rin siguro'ng naging presidente*."

This created a stir, both the punch line and the revelation that Salonga would be celebrating his birthday in a few days, June 22, when he'd be turning 81.

Advancing years

Another stir, turning of heads, and a murmurous hush swept over the guests when someone acknowledged the presence of Salonga's nephew, former Sen. Rene V. Saguisag, an ally who's now identified with the opposition, being disgraced former President Estrada's lawyer. Suppressed tittering and exclamations of "Okay, ah!" and "All right!" could be heard from the crowd.

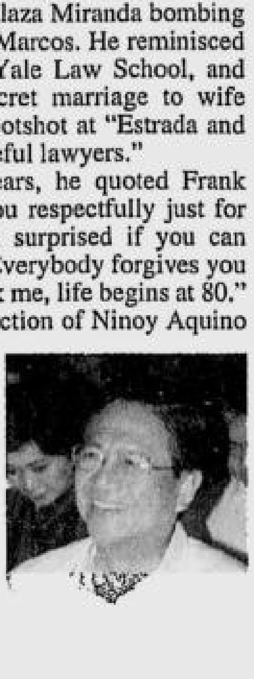
When his turn to speak came, Salonga at first acknowledged the presence of some of his 34 physicians (who attended to him after the 1971 Plaza Miranda bombing), a few survivors from the Class '36, and at least remnants of Class '42.

The former senator spoke in a measured tone of voice, quite articulate in his phrasing, as he remembered the physical pains he underwent through the years, from being severely tortured by the *kempetai*, to the Plaza Miranda bombing and incarceration under Marcos. He reminisced about his years in the Yale Law School, and sweetly recalled his secret marriage to wife Lydia. He even took a potshot at "Estrada and his enterprising, resourceful lawyers."

Of his advancing years, he quoted Frank Laubach: "They treat you respectfully just for being alive. They seem surprised if you can walk and talk sensibly. Everybody forgives you for everything. If you ask me, life begins at 80."

He had a final recollection of Ninoy Aquino while in the United States, shortly before the latter left for the Philippines and was assassinated on the tarmac. The elder statesman told the younger man: "Of your decision to go home, correct or not—God bless you!" Then Aquino got in the car, and waved in the deepening dusk.

VICE President Teofisto Guingona



FORMER Senator Wigberto Tañada

Eclectic crowd

As a summation of a life fully lived, and a sort of coda to his book, Salonga paraphrased Kierkegaard: "Life must be lived forward. However, we can understand it only backward."

Before the guests proceeded to an adjoining hall for cocktail, Marson and Cura did a duet of "Gaano Kita Kamahal." This, Salonga said, was his and Lydia's favorite *kundiman*.

Just how multisectoral the crowd was that afternoon, one only had to see the strange mix of attires: Barong Tagalog, cocktail dresses, polo shirts, Filipiniana gowns, casual suits, T-shirts, designer mules, rubber shoes.

Also sighted among that eclectic mix were Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., Sen. Loren Legarda, Rep. Florencio Abad, Rep. Noynoy Aquino, former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, Justice Flerida Ruth Romero.

"A Journey of Struggle & Hope" is Salonga's third memoir, after "The Senate That Said No" and "Presidential Plunder." This is a relatively bulky book, expanded from 19 chapters to 21, with an epilogue. The cover is done in yellow, red, white and blue, with a cover visual of mountain, sea and sky.

Of its brave recollections, Jaime Cardinal Sin has said: "No bomb, incarceration, persecution or exile can put down a man of faith."

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Wake uppers

A taipan's ethnic exclusivism

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IF you think in this day and age there is no excuse for bigotry, don't bank on it. A taipan continues to live in the dark ages after he put his foot down on his daughter's wish to marry a Filipino.

Now the daughter and her mother are up in arms against the tycoon. The mother, who is the taipan's legal wife, is Filipino and will not take her husband's racism sitting down.

It is not as if the daughter is just marrying any other guy. Her boyfriend belongs to a highly regarded family that has distinguished iteself in industry and diplomacy. But whether the man is from a *de buena familia* or not, good-looking or not, Chinese or not, what's love got to do with it?

Obviously, the taipan, whose son married the daughter of another taipan in a celebrated wedding recently, regards Filipinos as inferior. This, despite making billions in the country that adopted him.

Tutti-frutti club not so fruitful, after all

THIS club on Makati Avenue is hardly a hospitable place for young men trying to have a good time. A mild-mannered music TV VJ and commercial model found this out for himself when he had a run-in with the owners over what he said was a petty misunderstanding.

Enjoying the music, the model crossed the floor to the DJ's booth. On the way, he exchanged pleasantries with some female friends. In the booth, he waved at the DJ to commend him and make a request. Apparently this was misinterpreted by the insecure, relatively new DJ.

The owners, who were seated with pals at one table, apparently saw this and waved off the VJ, who went back to his table. But the owners, who were obviously showing off to their friends and the girls on the floor, continued to heckle the VJ. Sensing trouble, the VJ stood up and pointed the exit to his friend.

This was again misinterpreted. One of the owners rushed to him and said, "Did you flick me? Did you flick me?" The VJ could only answer, "I did not! We don't want any trouble! We're leaving!"

Before he knew it, however, the other owner and their friends had tackled his friend. The VJ had no choice but to defend his friend. Luckily, they were able to make their way to the exit.

The VJ was incredulous. Granted there was a misunderstanding, the owners should not have started the melee. After all, they are the hosts of the place. But even hosts lose all hospitality and good sense when they're out to impress the girls.

Bon voyage

ALEX Y. Vergara, our resident "Mr. Blackwell" and self-styled expert on homes, takes a break from the daily grind to pursue a four-month journalism fellowship sponsored by Minnesota-based World Press Institute. He will join nine others journalists from developing countries such as India, China, Uganda, Bulgaria and Brazil, to name a few, on a tour of several US cities, including visits to The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, CNN and The Wall Street Journal. The schedule also includes a stay with a farm family in Iowa and Midwest media assignments.

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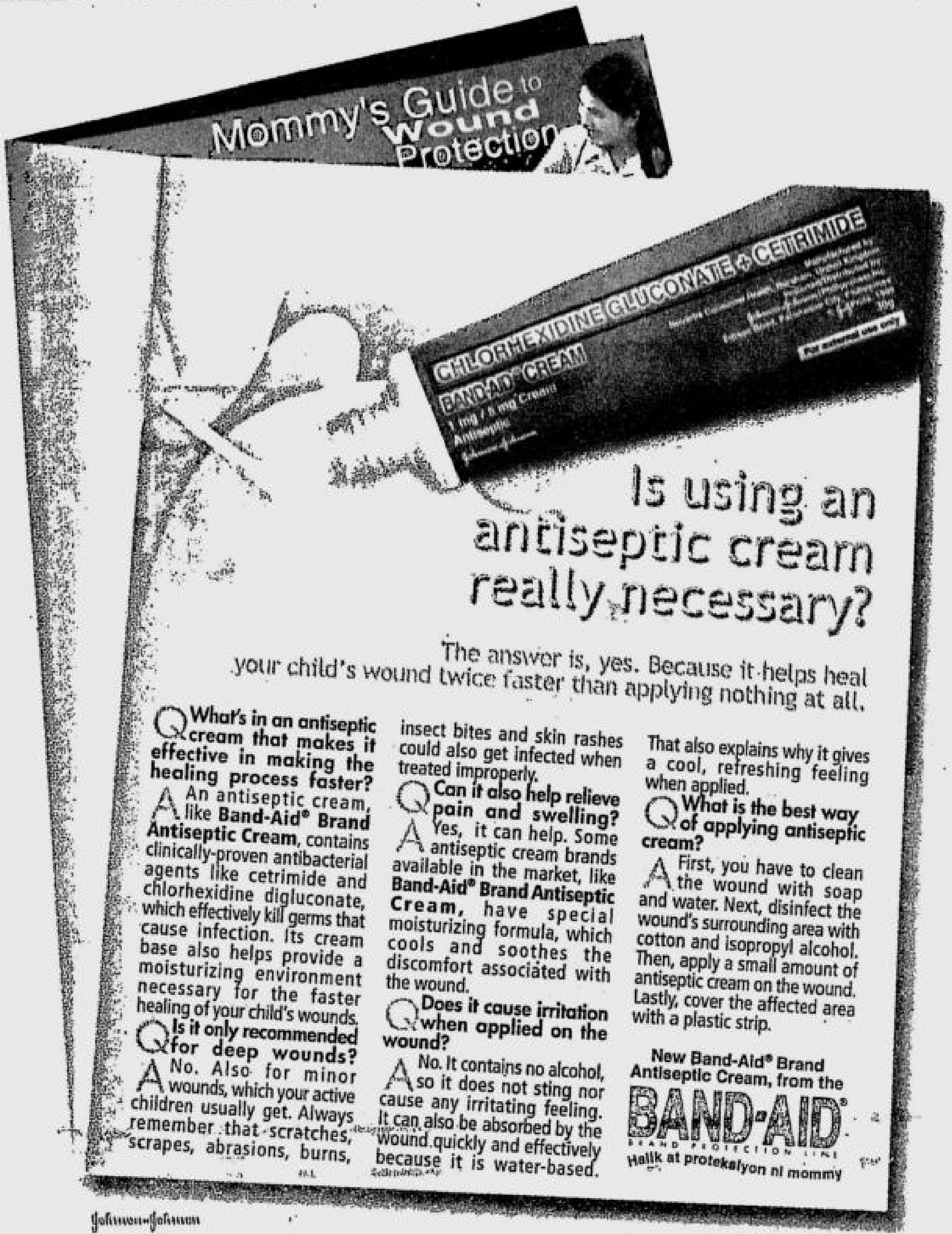
Mommy's Guide to Wound Protection

Is using an antiseptic cream really necessary?

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Q Is it only recommended for deep wounds?

A No. Also for minor wounds, which your active children usually get. Always remember that scratches, scrapes, abrasions, burns, insect bites and skin rashes could also get infected when treated improperly.

Q Can it also help relieve pain and swelling?

A Yes, it can help. Some antiseptic cream brands available in the market, like **Band-Aid® Brand Antiseptic Cream**, have special moisturizing formula, which cools and soothes the discomfort associated with the wound.

Q Does it cause irritation when applied on the wound?

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Q What is the best way of applying antiseptic cream?

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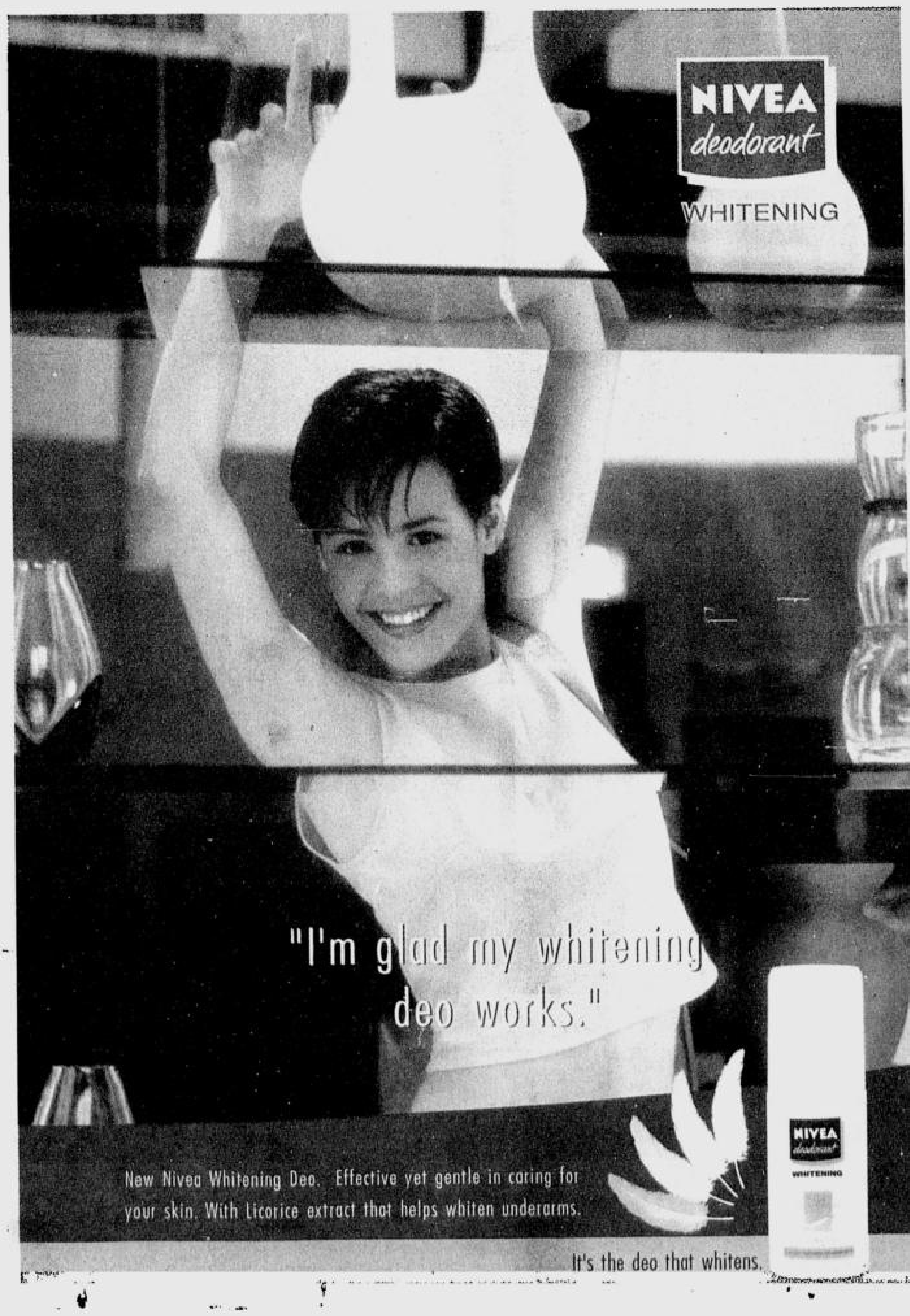

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Fashion designer's foray into photography

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For designer Edgar Allan, who has been doing wedding creations for almost 20 years now in his Ayala Center boutique (now Glorietta I), photography is a long overdue creative pursuit held at bay by a full career schedule. Although he has worked with some of the top fashion photographers over the years, he has some very definite ideas on how he can communicate his fashion creations in a more personal manner.

Edgar Allan is very much aware of the practical side of his career; that his creativity should not be too personal that his clients can no longer relate

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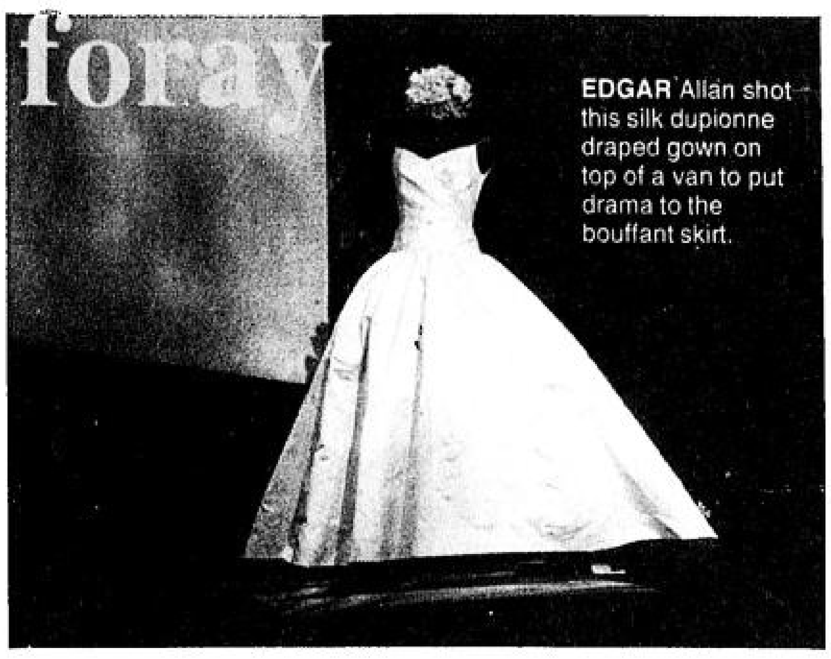
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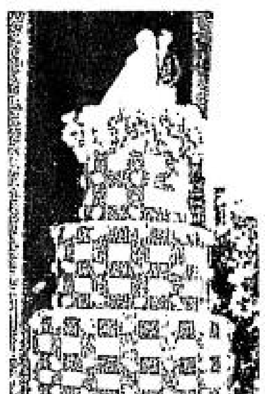

CAKE by Penk Ching

DR. Armando Philip S. Paez, youngest son of doctors Tranquilino and Epifania Paez, tied the knot with Dr. Rosette Perseveranda O.L. Odulio, eldest child and only daughter of Mr. and Ms Reynaldo Odulio on May 11.

The bride was a beautiful vision in her Paul Cabral wedding gown as she walked down the aisle of Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati. The wedding was officiated by six priests who were relatives and friends of the couple. The UP Madrigal Singers and the Bernie Pasamba String Ensemble performed the bridal march. The flowers at the church was provided by Rustan's Flower Shop. On the other hand, the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La, where the reception was held, was adorned with flowers and fruits by TV and film production designer Chito Sumera. Penk Ching of Pastry Bin made the five-layered fondant cake for the couple.

The elegant wedding invitation was sealed with the couple's wax monogram. Wedding favors were periwinkle candles and personalized chocolates for the guests and beveled glass frames for the sponsors. Invitations and wedding favors were done by Occasions To Treasure. Makeup was by Patrick Rosas. Images of the wedding were captured by lensman Jaime Tee. Analyn Bayani-Calderon of One Fine Day orchestrated a uniquely impressive wedding the couple and guests truly enjoyed.

After the wedding, Armand and Rosette spent a few days in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija before they finally left for the US where they plan to raise a family.

Armand topped the physical therapy board exams in 1999. He is joining the prestigious Cleveland Clinic after the honeymoon in Alaska.

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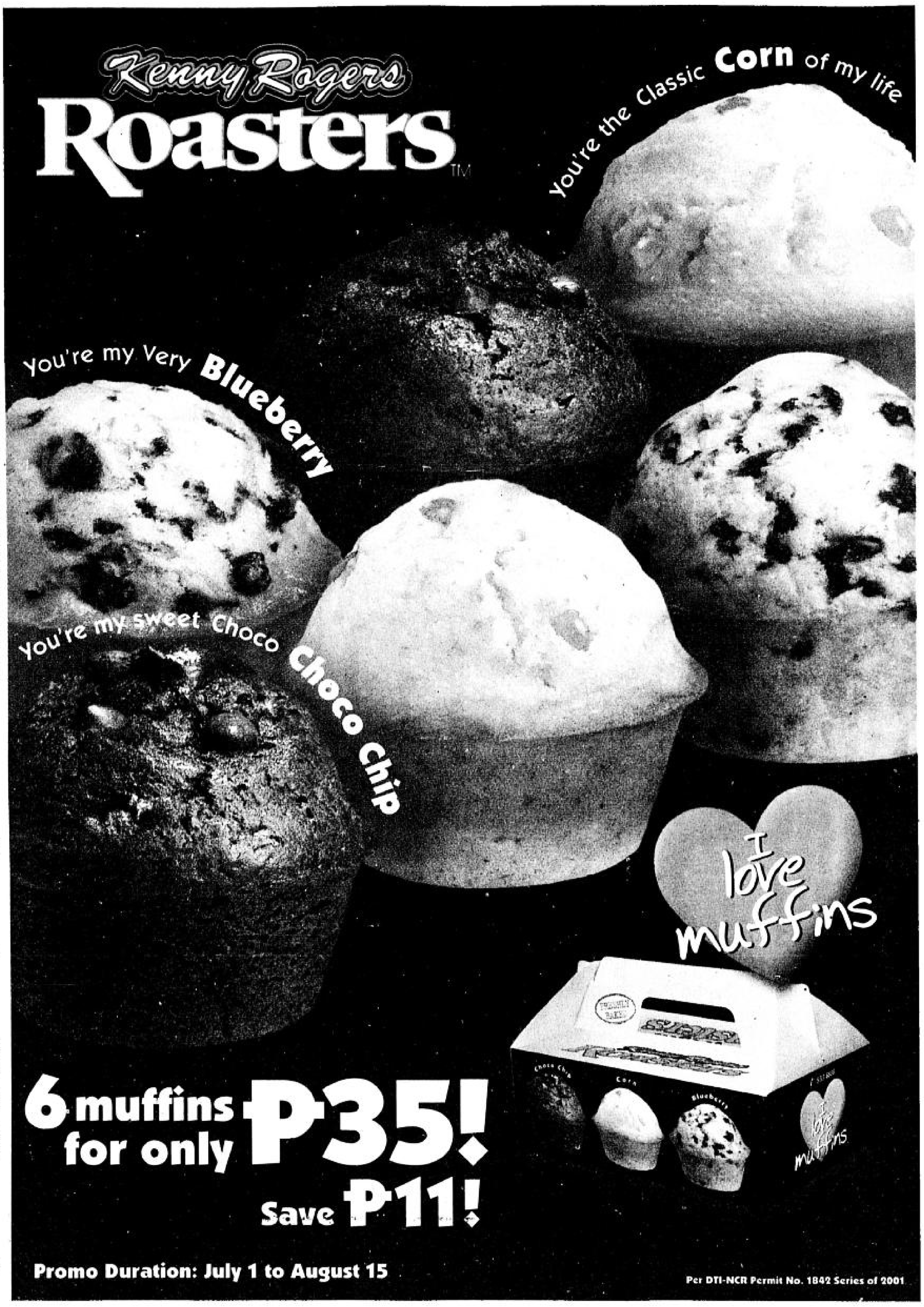

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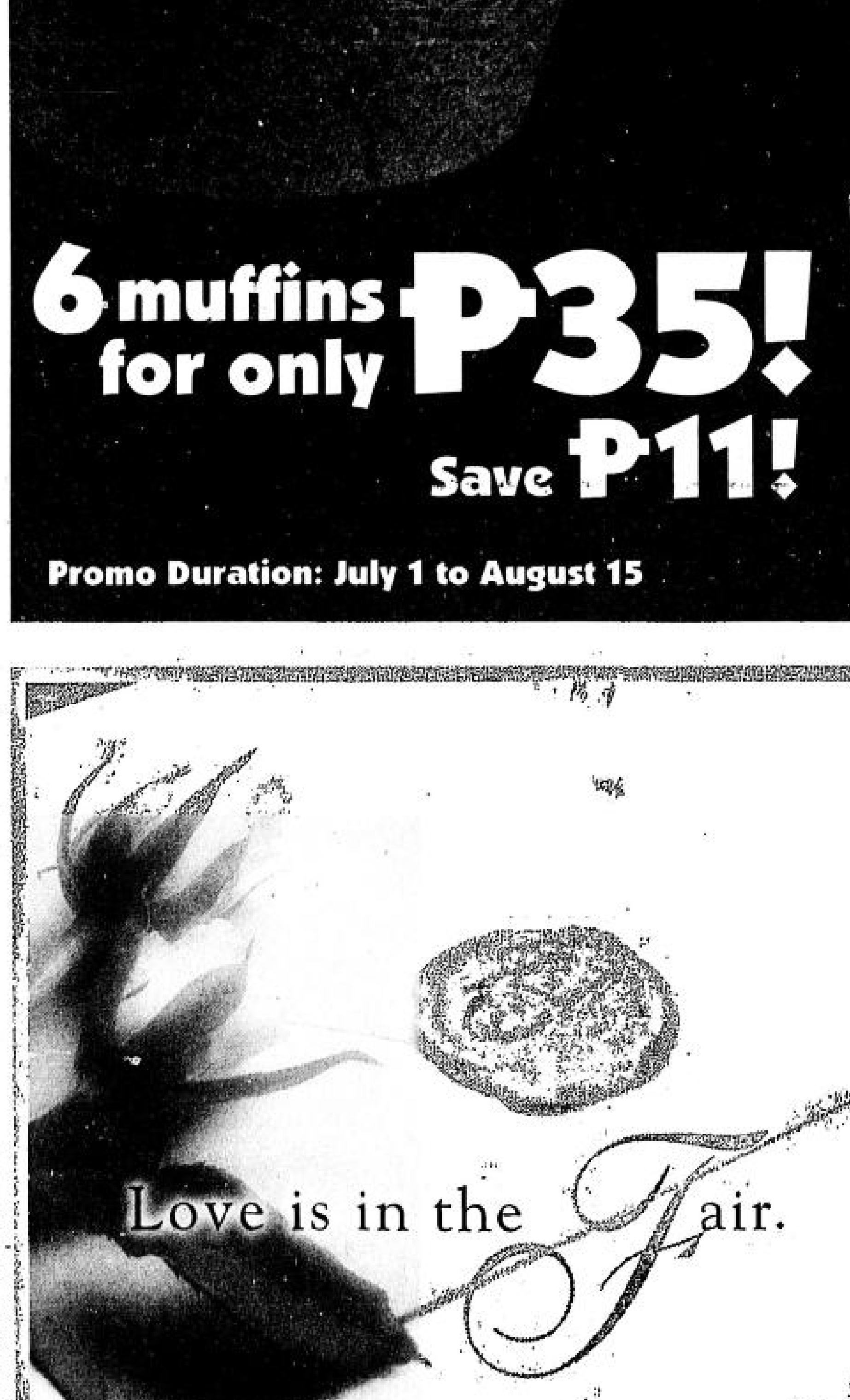
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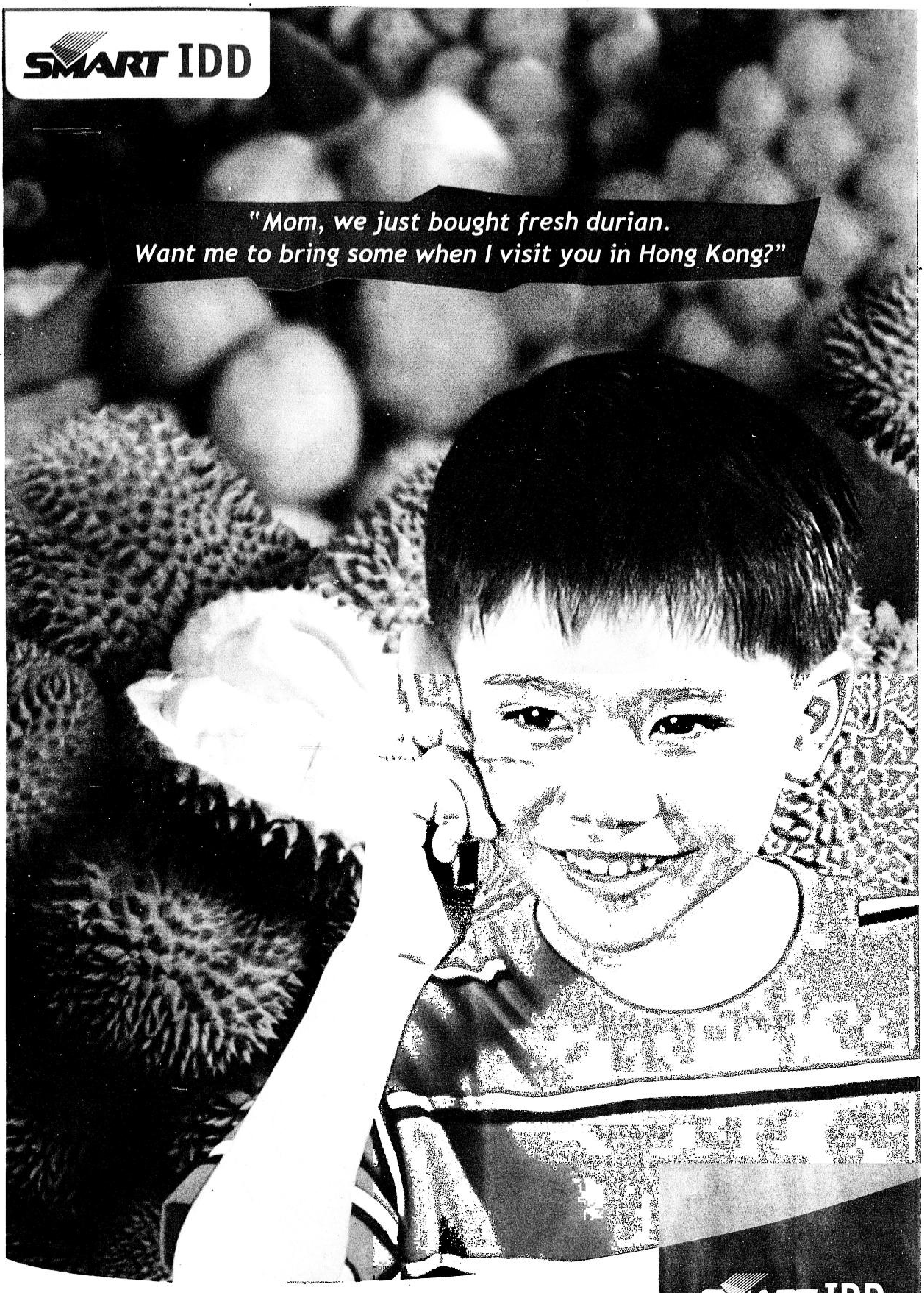
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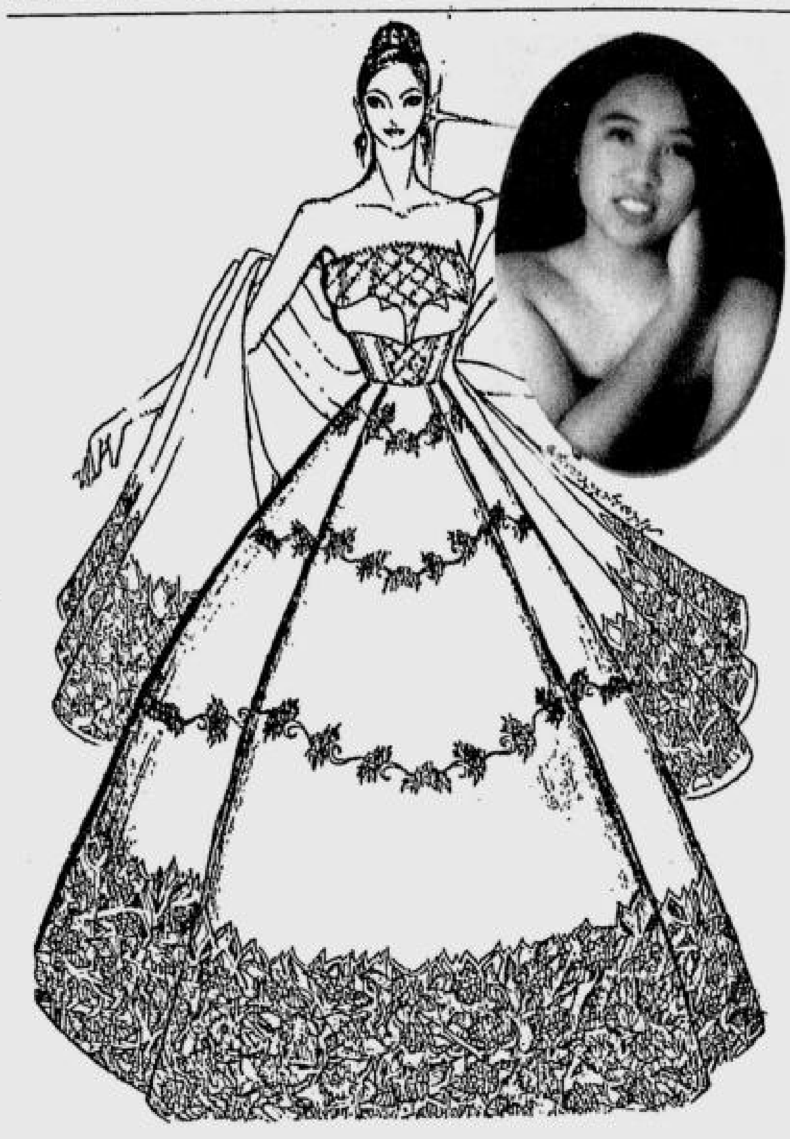


CANLAS DEBUT

Bissel Ocampo Canlas, daughter of Laur, Nueva Ecija Mayor **Blas A. Canlas** and **Alma O. Canlas** of Angeles City, will celebrate her 18th birthday on July 8 at Holiday Inn Resort, Clark Field, Pampanga.

The debutante will wear a powder pink corset-style gown in *piña* material by **Manny D. Ocampo** of Angeles City.

SIBAL-LICAO

Isagani C. Sibal and **Maria Chona J. Lacao**, both of Puerto Princesa City, will wed on July 21 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Church. Reception will follow at the Asiaworld Resort Hotel.

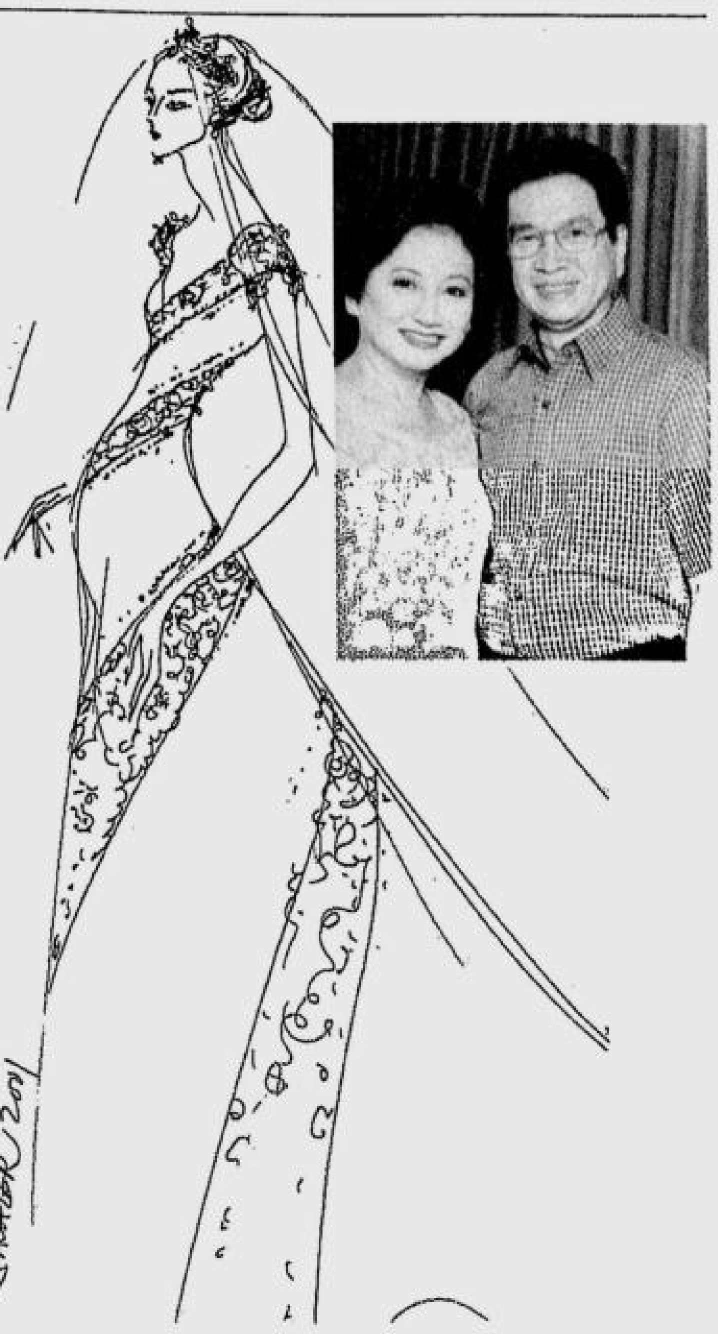
The groom is the son of **Ignacio** and **Marieta Sibal** while the bride is the daughter of **Arturo** and **Josefina Lacao**.

Renato Constantino designed the gown.

LIM DEBUT

Rominna Dominique Lim, daughter of **Roy** and **Rossanne Columna-Lim** of Roslyn, New York, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 9 at the Fox Hollow in Woodbury, Long Island, New York, USA. She will be joined by 25 of her friends in a cotillion choreographed by New Jersey-based **Doris de Leon**.

Rominna is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, New York and will attend the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts in September.

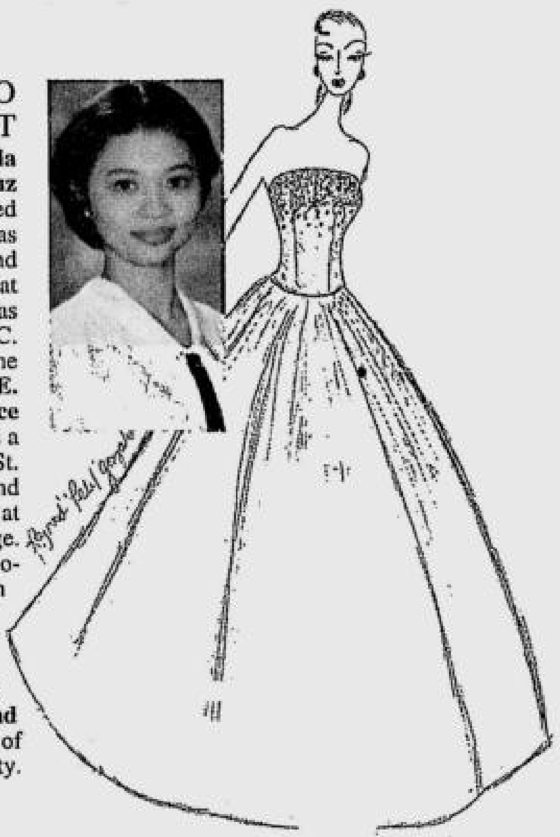


VILLARICA SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Henry and **Linabelle Villarica** renewed their vows on their 25th wedding anniversary on June 27 at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception followed at the Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La.

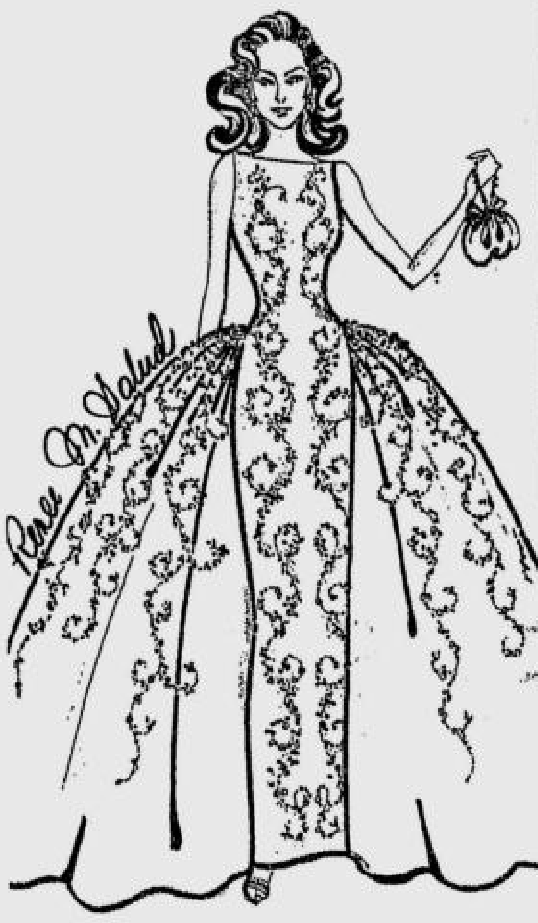
The couple are blessed with four children, **Hailey Lynne, Henry Lester, Harvey Lawrence** and **Hans Lerwyn.**

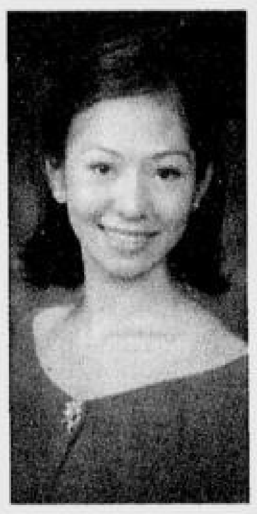
The bride wore a gown made of pure silk with a swirl cut design silhouette and silver Swarovski stones, designed and executed by **Joe Salazar**. Her daughter, who was her bridesmaid, also wore a Salazar creation.



HIPOLITO DEBUT

Czarina Pamela "Twinkle" Villaluz Hipolito, who turned 18 on June 14, was feted by family and friends on June 16 at Annabel's on Tomas Morato, QC. Twinkle is the daughter of **Antonio E. Hipolito** and **Beatrice E. Villaluz**. She is a graduate of St. Theresa's College and is now a sophomore at Miriam College. Twinkle wore a two-piece lilac gown with a heavily embroidered corset bodice and a bouffant skirt of shantung silk created by **Raymond "Petite" Gonzales** of Marikina City.





RAMOS DEBUT

Romela Elaine (Len-Len) Ramos, daughter of **Enrico** and **Evangeline Silva-Ramos** of Sta. Cruz, Laguna, will celebrate her 18th birthday on July 7 at the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

The debutante, a management engineering sophomore at the Ateneo de Manila University, will wear a **Renée Salud** orange translucent gown with swaths of illusion tulle and exquisite beadwork. It has a sleeveless bodice with a pencil skirt cut on the bias that flares at the back.

GERODIAS-PARALLEON

Jay Gerodias and **Jelly de la Torre Paralleon** exchanged marriage vows recently at the Don Bosco Parish Church in Makati. Jay is the son of **George** and **Evangeline Gerodias** while Jelly is the daughter of **Jimmy** and **Esperanza Paralleon.** Reception was held at Kamayan Restaurant on Pasay Road. Jay, a hotel and restaurant management graduate, works with Saisaki-Makati while Jelly, a BS Tourism graduate, is with Ford in Balintawak.

LOPEZ DEBUT

Christina Cynthia Medina Lopez, daughter of lawyer **Rizalino S.D. Lopez Jr.** and **Fe Esperanza Medina Lopez,** celebrated her 18th birthday on June 18 at Barbara's in Intramuros, Manila. A graduate of St. Theresa's College, QC, she is now a sports science sophomore at UP Diliman.

ORTIZ DEBUT

Shelly S. Ortiz, daughter of **Salvador** and **Hilaria S. Ortiz,** celebrated her 18th birthday on June 11 at the Coral Ballroom of Punta Villa. She wore a spaghetti-strapped ball gown accented with beads.

Fashion designer's foray into photography

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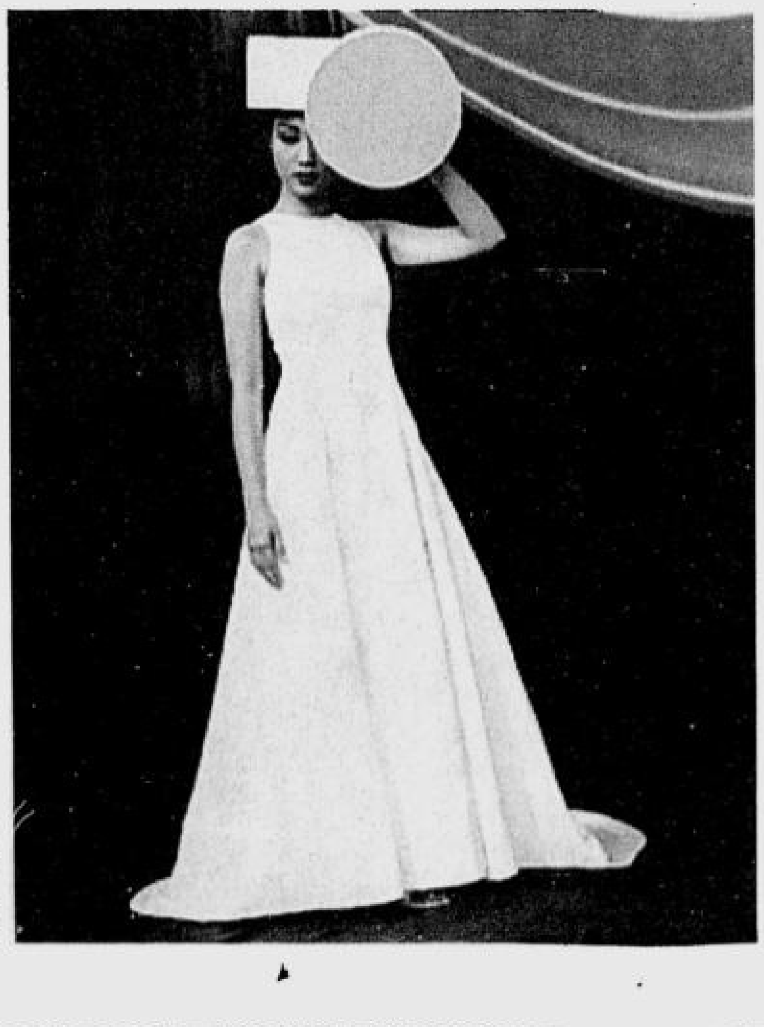
to his fashion. This is why his primary consideration in all his wedding creations is the bride herself. The gown should frame the bride, bring out her best assets and enhance her better personality. Edgar knows that his creativity ends where the persona of the bride begins, so that in the final test, it is the bride that is seen and noticed and not the gown. His bridal creations are very much wearable, elegant and contemporary, with just that extra touch of creative mark that makes his gowns truly haute couture.

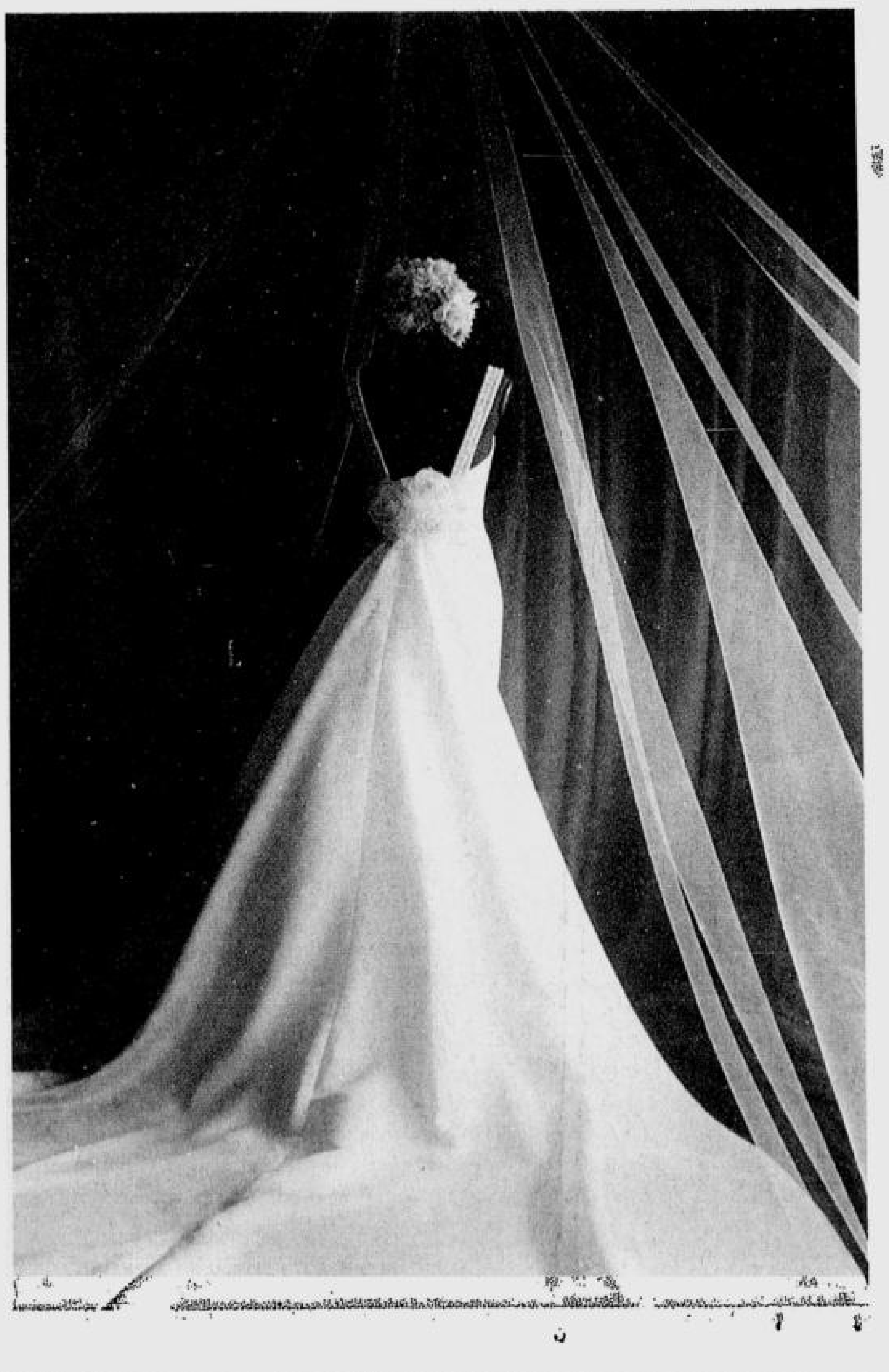
Edgar Allan is self-taught in photography and what motivates him is his passion for the art. He is an advocate of natural lighting as one of the most dynamic lighting effects one can achieve. He then proceeded to construct a setting in the sprawling front yard of his Quezon City residence and began to shoot his fashions completely relying on the natural light of the sun to do its magic.

Edgar prefers to sketch his photography in a static manner because of his inclination to decorate his scenes, very much like what an audience would see when the curtain rises to a stage set, the camera at center row angle. This way, he indulges in his decorative fantasies without straying too much from his focus, the wedding gowns, and without resulting into photographic effects. The gowns are highlighted amid the setting he wants to communicate, and the result is pure, simple snap photography.

This portfolio is just the beginning of Edgar Allan's foray into the creative world of fashion photography. He is inspired by the celebrated British fashion designer and photographer, the late Cecil Beaton, whose highly personal fashion style was best captured by his own lens.



GEOMETRIC shapes compliment the linear details of this haltered gown originally worn by Dainty Katindoy-Sales on her Novermber 2000 wedding.



A BEAM of illusion tulle cascades over a figure form with a dramatic low-back gown worn by Dr. Lea Patacsil-Makalinao on her May 25 wedding.

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Karma in our daily life

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Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I know you are not as famous as other columnists as far as I'm concerned, but for me you are the best and, more especially, the greatest *tagapayo*. Believe it or not, I always buy the INQUIRER just to read first your column. Not only that, when I finish reading your column I always cut it and paste it on a piece of coupon bond, and insert it in a folder, as my very own personal collection.

Just call me Mr. Admirer. I'm 29 years old, a graduate of BS Rad Tech, and I must admit I was not lucky to get a job in our country. So I decided to work in Taiwan as a machine operator for bottling products.

After work, I always go to bed early just to relax my mind. I am always bothered as to what karma really means. My friends say that when you commit sin and do it again and again as a personal habit, a time will come when something tremendously painful will happen to you or to your loved ones. I really don't know if this is true or not. I beg to know what simple explanation of yours would be. Thank you.

MR. ADMIRER

Here is the meaning of karma from the Reader's Digest Word Power dictionary: "In some Eastern religions, the idea that a person's actions on Earth will decide his or her fate for the next existence; Buddhists accept suffering as their karma." Another meaning is "destiny or fate often used humorously; [e.g.] 'My husband always says it was his karma to meet me.'"

You ask me for a simple explanation, and here is mine—when you do good to others and you offer what you do to the Lord, blessings will go to you. When you hurt someone, or commit a crime, punishment will come. Remember, there is purgatory as well as hell in the great beyond. Being of good moral character will open the door to heaven.

I also believe that karma is part of our everyday living. Reward or punishment will come for our daily acts.

Some years back when I answered a letter-writer asking about what she had done, I said that I'm a firm believer of karma, advising her to stay calm and clean. Another reader wrote me a very short note, saying, "Since you believe in karma, you must be a great sinner." I did not bother answering him because in this world, you are free to believe anything. However, I want to remind you that karma works both ways. When you are good, good will go to you. If you are bad, punishment will come, either here or in the next world. And there is that saying, "The sins of a father are visited upon his children."

Where you are and what you are doing now in your job is just right. Offer each day to the Lord. Where you are now may be far from a Catholic church. Just thank Him before you go to sleep. It's good you go to bed early.

On new technology

THE NEW millennium is putting a lot of complexity in everyone's life. Technology is continuously progressing and it's putting a lot of pressure in most of us. Majority of us cannot afford to buy the new gadgets introduced in the market but they feel that they are pressured to have one because they don't want to be left behind. The result is that crime rate increases and morality decreases.

I would like to know your opinion about how a normal person could survive this feeling of depression even if his/her surroundings are tempting him/her.

LILIBETH

To get over the depression or envy of what others have in this day and age is to meditate on what is really happening.

Those who have cellular phones lose them to those whose free time is focused on stealing them. Recently, a young lady was accosted by two men who asked for her cell phone. She denied having one, but they slashed her pants and wounded her thighs. She had to hand it over to them.

Having a pager really helps to get messages without having to answer the phone, but then there was a young professional who received a message requesting him to be in a street corner. Thinking that it was a cousin who had beeped him, he went there. He lost his wallet. Two men he did not recognize were in a parked car. The license plate had false numbers.

So, my dear, don't break your heart about not having any of the gadgets. I have a friend who was approached by someone whose face was familiar, who told her he had a new cell phone, that she could have it for only P2,000 if she gave her old one to him. She gave him the money and her cell phone, and waited for him for one hour in front of the gate where she took him. She was driving her car. When she got impatient, she knocked at the gate, but no one inside knew the man. (Either he went out of the gate at the back, or someone there was also in cahoots.)

I have just given you my opinion. I may not be an expert, but those examples may help ease your mind and disappointment over not being able to afford new gadgets. And, you may also be amused to know that 12 (yes, 12) years ago my car was only parked for an hour at the parking lot of Makati Med, and then it disappeared. My shock was only eased by the fact that I had passed the medical exams by the neurologist. And today, car theft seems to be a livelihood.

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Holiness makes the world beautiful

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Joseph Galdon, S.J.

ONE of the nicest things Jesus said about his disciples, and about us, His followers, was: "You are the salt of the earth." One of the most haunting songs in "Godspell" is when Jesus and the chorus sang over and over again: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."

When you stop and think about it, that's both a pretty awesome compliment, and a very disturbing challenge. Salt preserves our food. It keeps food from being spoiled. It makes food taste good.

When you read the passage in Matthew a couple of times and think about it, you realize that when Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth," He is saying: "You have to be holy" for holiness is what preserves the earth. It keeps the world from being spoiled. Holiness is really what makes the world taste good again. With holiness, the world and all people in it are beautiful again.

When you reflect on the passage a little bit more, you begin to realize that the salt and the holiness Christ is talking about are really love. We've got to bring our holiness and our love into the world and to all those around us. With love, everything tastes good again—the family, our friends, our job, even politics and our country. If we are to be the salt of the earth, we have to fill the world with love.

Sermon on salt

St. John Chrysostom has a beautiful sermon on the salt of the earth in the Gospel of St. Matthew. The first thing we have to understand about the phrase, Chrysostom says, is that when Christ tells us that we are to be the salt of the earth, He is telling us that we must be holy—for others. "The man who is kind and gentle," Chrysostom says, "will not keep his good works to himself, but will share them, like fountains of love, with others. The woman who is gentle of heart and a peacemaker will always share her goodness with another person."

Sister Anselm used to tell us that when you knock on the gate of heaven all alone, St. Peter is always a little slow in opening the gate. But when you bring someone to heaven with you, St. Peter always opens the gate right away.

Fr. John Delaney used to tell the brides he married that they had to bring their husbands with them into heaven or the marriage was a failure. The salt of holiness and love always has to be shared with someone else. That's why Father Delaney always told young men to marry a really holy girl. "That way," he said, "she'll be sure to bring you into heaven with her."

"But the problem," Chrysostom goes on to say in his sermon, "is that salt sometimes loses its taste, its flavor and then it isn't good for anything except to be thrown away."

That's the problem with us, too. If we lose our holiness we aren't very good for anything. If the love goes out of our hearts and our lives, we're pretty empty people. We really aren't going to be able to help anyone else at all. "If others lose their savor, their holiness, their love," Chrysostom says, "we can help them with our love and our holiness." But if we have lost our own holiness and love, Chrysostom says that "we will drag others down with us."

A holy wife will be able to help a husband who is perhaps less holy, but if she isn't holy herself, she'll only be an anchor around his neck. If a husband is a holy and loving father, he'll bring his children to heaven with him. But if he doesn't think holiness is important, he'll make life difficult for his children. How are the kids going to love God and learn to be good and loving people if Tatay never goes to Church? How can we teach our children to pray if we do not pray ourselves? How can we teach our children to tell the truth if we lie so much ourselves? How are we going to teach our children to forgive one another when we do not forgive those who have hurt us. How can we share the salt of holiness with the world if our salt and holiness have become tasteless?

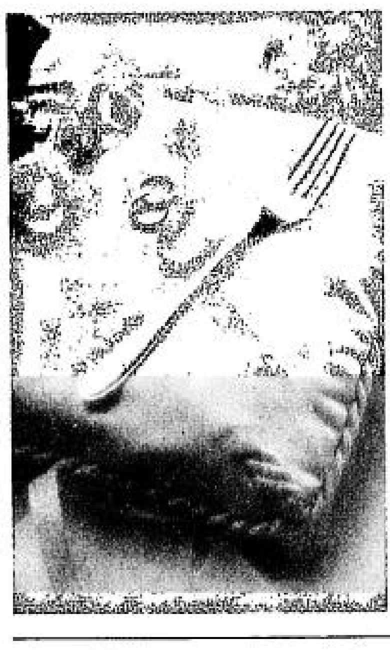
Salt in Baptism

In the old Rite of Baptism, the priest put a grain of salt on the tongue of the baby to be baptized. That, of course, was when I was a very young priest, many long years ago. I remember one time the *ninangs* complained because they thought I had not given the baby enough salt. They were older people and they knew what Christ meant when he said you are supposed to be the salt of the earth! They were worried that the baby would not be holy enough if I didn't use enough salt!

Later on, the baptismal rite was changed and the salt was put into the baptismal water instead of on the baby's tongue. That was to make sure that from Baptism on, the child was to be "the salt of the earth."

One of my favorite hymns says: "In the morning of my life, did I fill the world with love? In the noontime of my life, did I fill the world with love? In the evening of my life did I fill the world with love?" Was I the salt of the earth? Did I make the world taste good again?

Gallery of nuptial pleasures



MANILA Galleria Suites, in collaboration with Behind the Scene Productions, will hold "Breathless 2001," a display of gowns, table settings, flower arrangements, photographers and videographers, invitations, entertainment and a showcase of Manila Galleria Suites' own wedding packages. It is virtually a one-stop shop for couples in love.

The Manansala Hall will be the setting for the July 7 and 8 exhibit of Manila's finest wedding services. There will be a fashion show on July 7 at 7 p.m. at the hotel's Atrium Level. Gowns by Edgar Madamba, Arielle Agasang and many more fresh, hot and young designers will be presented, as well as floral arrangements by premiere florist Tony Padilla

On the second day of the event, a by-invitation-only cocktail-fashion show will commence with the designs of Len Nepomuceno-Guiao, Fanny Serrano, Gerry Katigbak, Edgar Allan and Eddie Baddeo. Wedding specialist Rita Neri will give the latest tips on wedding arrangements. To set the mood, there will be live chamber music by a string of quartets.

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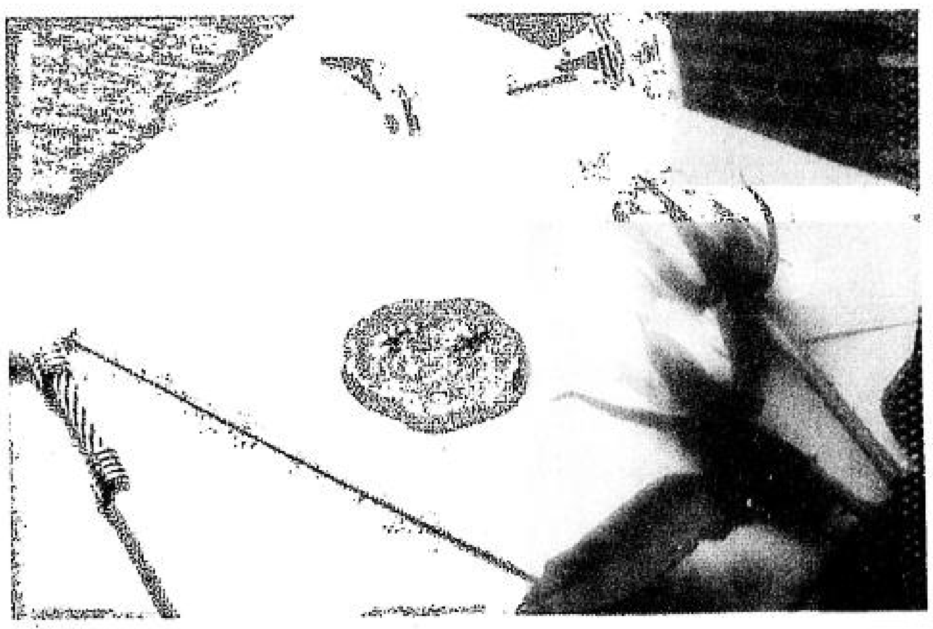

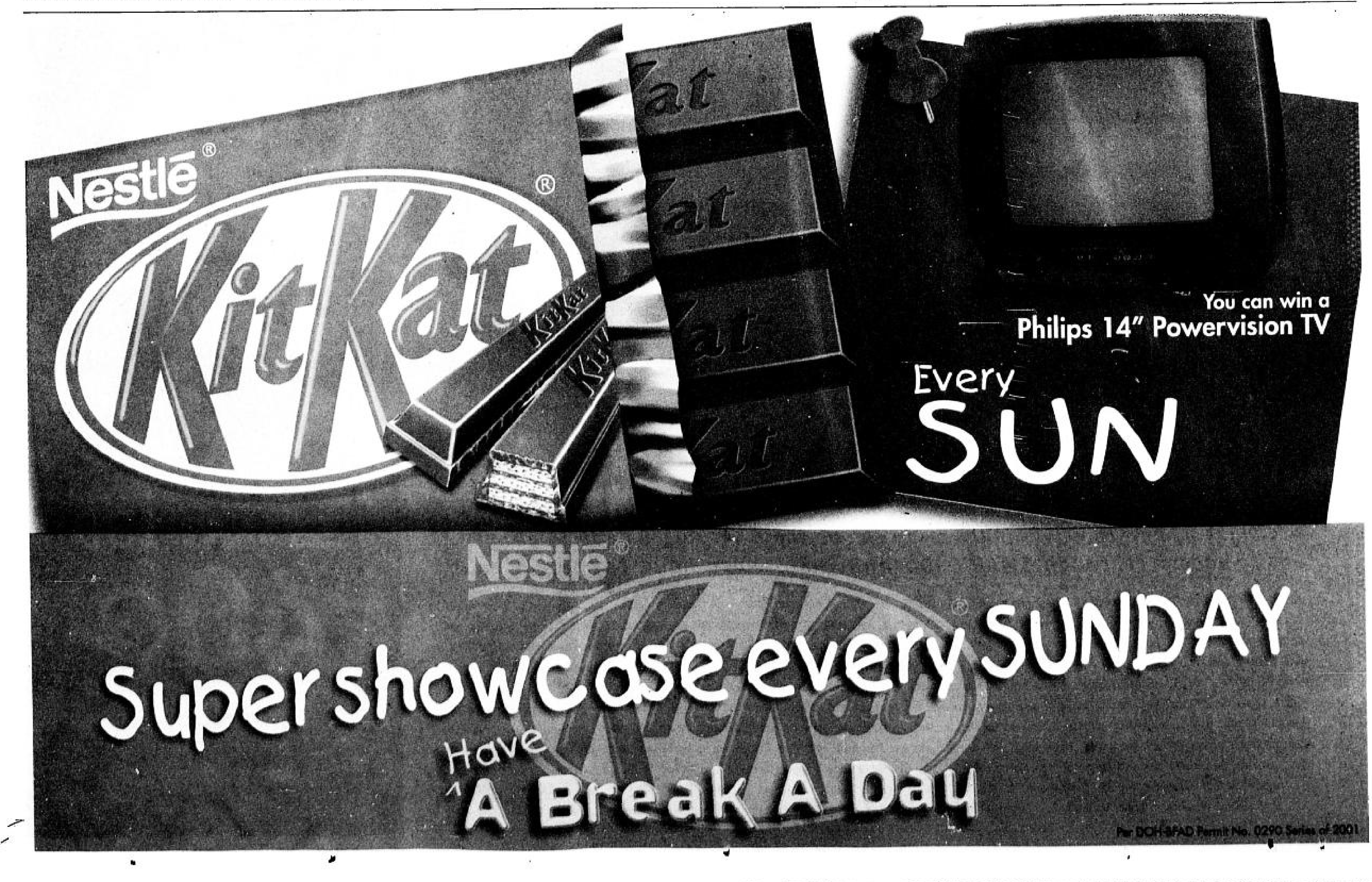
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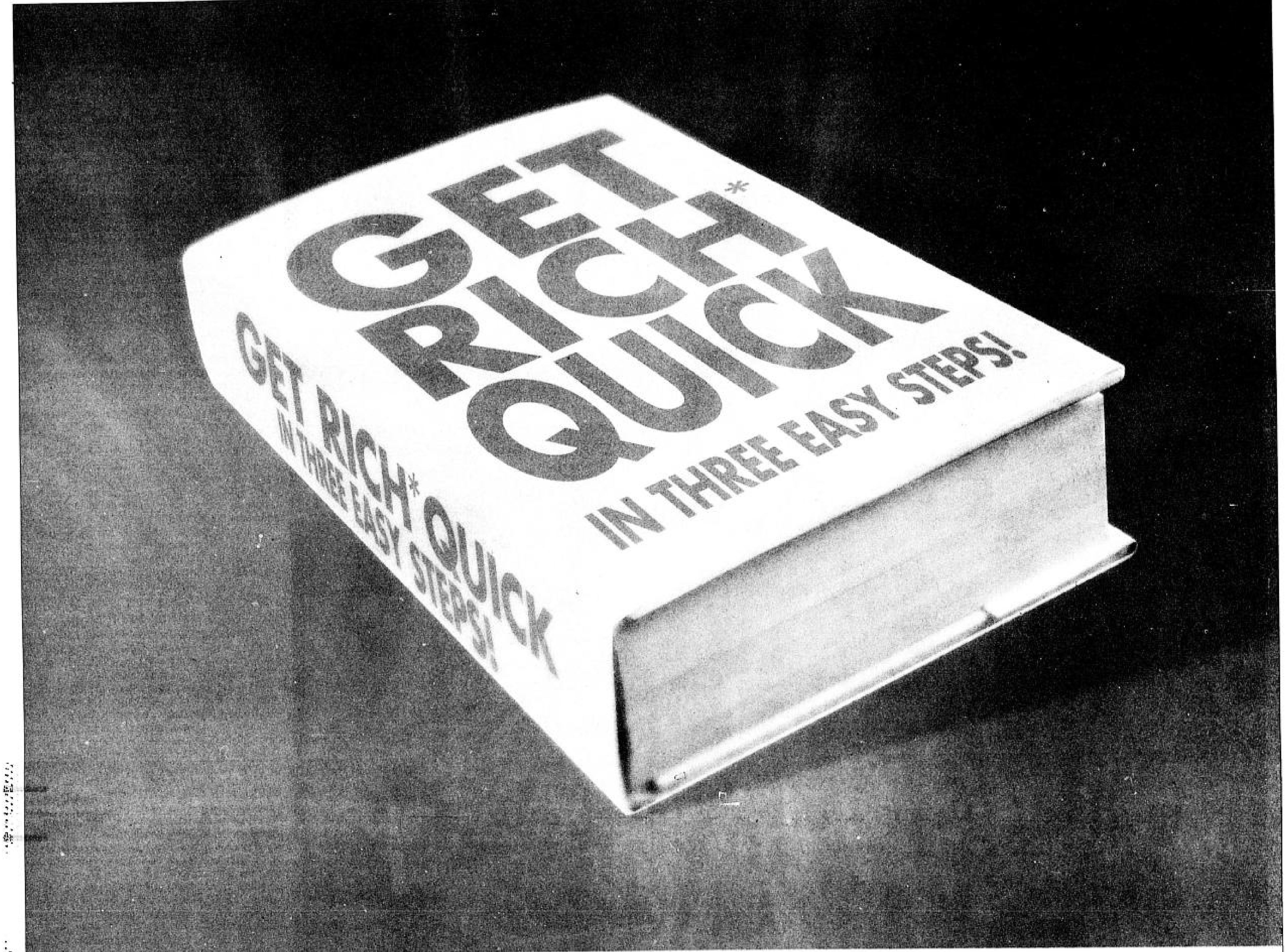

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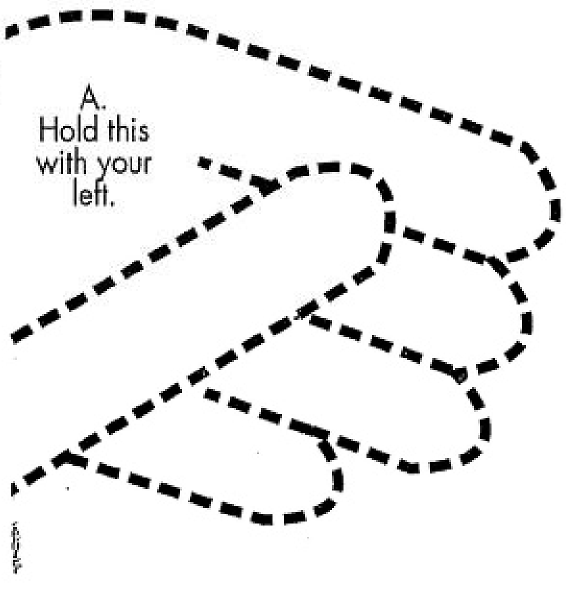

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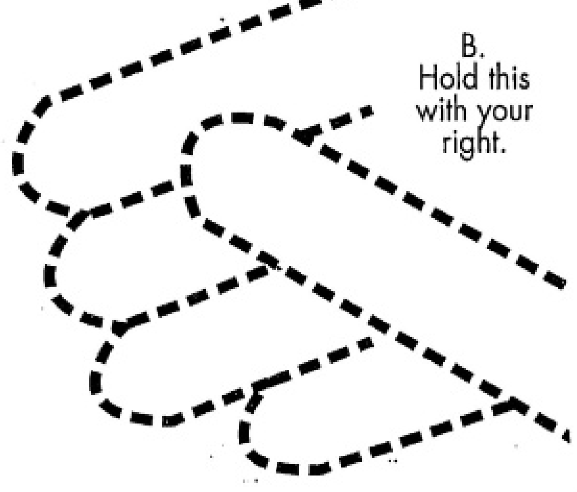

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Couples for Christ, a pearl of great price

The homegrown Catholic lay movement has spread to other countries—one more proof of how the Philippine Church is evangelizing in the world

By Raquel P. Gomez

THE KINGDOM of God is the precious pearl of great price—as told in the Bible. One man may have found that treasure and for 20 years, it has been his sole reason for living. Through it, he has developed a special and personal relationship with God. He's not a saint, a priest or some charismatic leader. He's just a simple family man who found God's kingdom on earth in a lay Catholic organization—the Couples for Christ (CFC)—whose mission is to evangelize families and help them lead new lives anchored on the teachings of Jesus.

Fifty-four-year-old Frank Padilla, director and pioneer in CFC, does not speak in parables when it comes to disclosing the remarkable growth of the movement. Starting only with 16 couples, CFC is now a worldwide organization that has affected the lives of 1.2 million people in various social strata. It is now present in 86 countries.

FRANK Padilla (second from left) during a prayer meeting

Through the years, CFC has spawned several "family ministries" intended for every member of the family and "social ministries" for missions to the marginalized and neglected sectors of the society, such as prisoners, out-of-school youth, rural and urban poor, and women and children. It has also founded a new order of clergy and religious sisters.

The organization's phenomenal growth is a "remarkable work of the Holy Spirit," says Padilla, son of the late Sen. Ambrosio Padilla. The Spirit has inspired "zeal" among members to take the evangelical cause of proclaiming to others their newfound spirituality.

"Members discovered a renewal of relationship with the Lord and their relationship with the members of their family suddenly improved and they want to share that to other people."

Beginnings

CFC started as a small project of a prayer group based in Manila. The first batch included Padilla and wife Gerry. Padilla then was already searching for meaning in life, but in the wrong places. He was already married for 10 years and had two children. In his own words he was a "worldly" man.

"*Masamang tao ako noon—inom, babae, sigarilyo* (I was a bad person engaged in many vices) and I was engrossed only in making money. If we didn't enter the renewal, my wife and I would have separated," he said.

Through meetings focused on spiritual renewal, the couples learned to put God first in their families. To Padilla, this was an awakening. "I was struck totally," he says. "Since then there was no turning back for me."

Because of the success of that seminar, several batches followed. The members grew and eventually the organization separated from the local prayer group. "The Couples' nature is evangelistic," says Padilla, "so it has to reach out to more people. The fact that in our program the participation of the priest is no longer needed allowed us to expand rapidly. This is a completely lay movement."

CFC is not just an organization where one gets a sticker to put on his car. It is a serious "way of life" for many members, according to Padilla. New members undergo a 13-day seminar for three months. Then they establish a "covenant" with CFC, which requires them to fulfill "promises" like praying and reading the Bible every day, attending weekly meetings, and taking care of their families.

"Couples learn to establish a personal relationship with Jesus and deepen their faith," says Padilla. "This is the very foundation of a happy married life. From here everything will change."

Spiritual foundation

Padilla says that without a spiritual foundation, a marriage will not work. "*Hindi puwedeng* techniques *lang*, like communication between husband and wife. That's why there are many separations."

Not all changes in the lives of the members are dramatic, says Padilla. Of course, there are those who really changed radically: Wayward yuppies, substance abusers, greedy businessmen, rebel returnees, ex-convicts and street-gang members who became responsible family persons focused on God and on service to others.

Members are assigned to a cell group that has a leader. Household leaders comprise a unit, the units become a chapter and the chapters, a sector. In a place like Manila, there are 12 sectors, 300 chapters, 1,500 units and about 8,000 households.

For each province, there's an area council, which is under an area head. Then there's the regional head, the mission director and then the CFC council. "It's a hierarchical organization. From the very top, the seven-man council, there's an unbroken line to the very newest member in the farthest corner of the world," says Padilla.

The CFC is a one big community and with its number, it's possible that it can really move a mountain, that is, to effect changes in the society. In 1995, the CFC refocused its thrust to include social responsibility to change the lives of the poor and the marginalized sectors of the country.

Through their social ministries, the CFC has established 22 projects aimed at "total community development" in different areas in the country: Manila, Davao, General Santos, Iligan City, Cebu, Ormoc and Ilocos. They have built houses, schools and roads, sent children to school and established livelihood programs. They have established projects that protect the environment such as tree planting and garbage segregation.

Perfect

Padilla says the new focus on the poor is perfect. Since "Edsa III" happened, every sector in the society is looking for a solution to uplift the poor. "God made us ready for this," Padilla said. "Now we are in a position to help and spread our work to the poor."

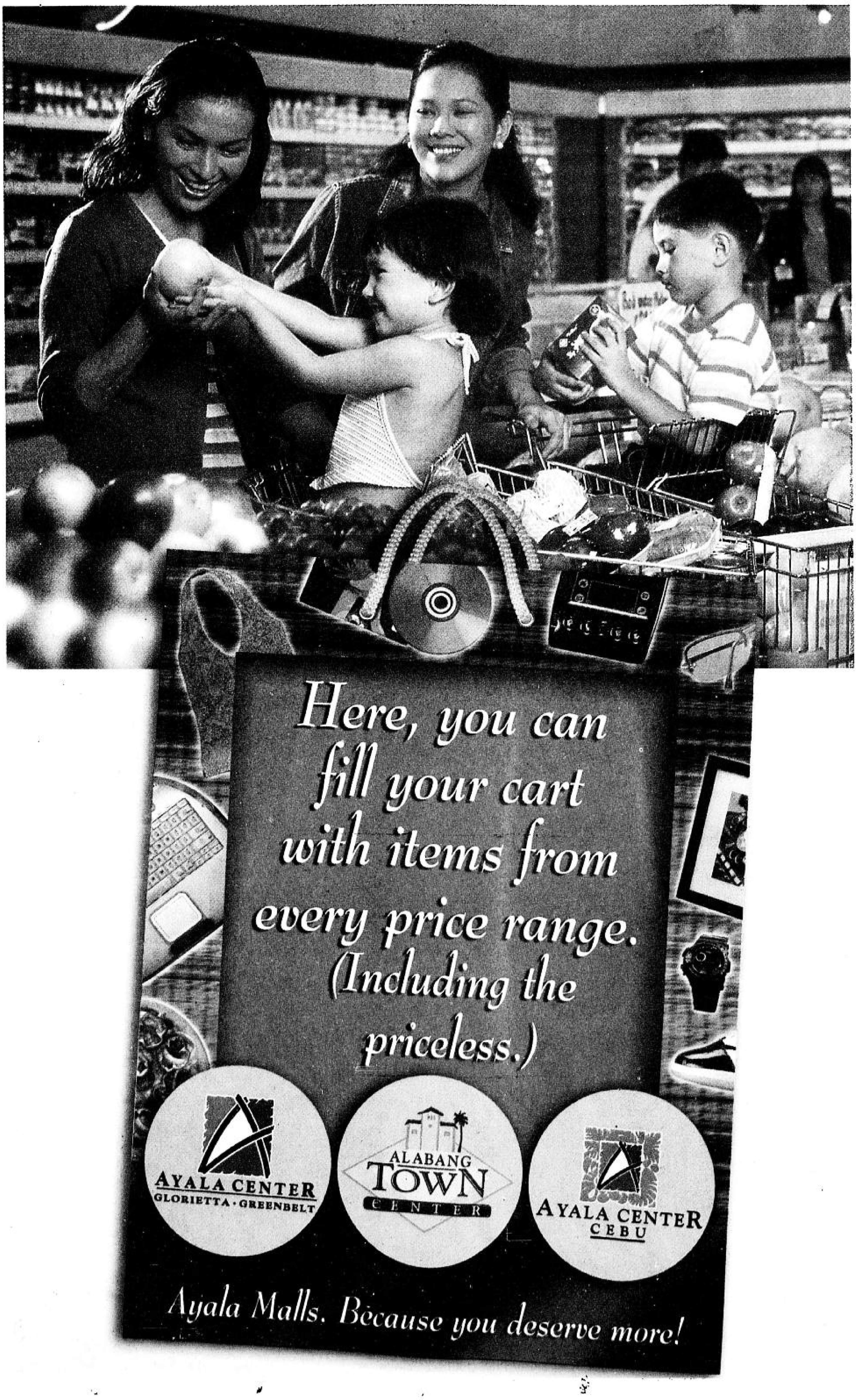
CFC does not inhibit itself when it comes to effecting political change. In the campaign to oust Joseph Estrada and in the recent elections, CFC was very visible, advocating the restoration of morality and decency in the government.

"Politics is part of the social dimension of the Gospel," says Padilla. "It's not enough that we just pray and be renewed. The Church says part of the mission of a Christian is to fight corruption, to defend the oppressed, to feed the hungry. The social dimension is part of our work."

This Sunday, 80,000 CFC members from the Philippines and abroad will gather at the Marikina Sports Center for a fellowship and celebration of CFC's 20 years.

Padilla, who works full-time at CFC overseeing the international mission, says he cannot "imagine" life without CFC. "The appeal of CFC is the experience of an authentic Christian life that the Lord wants for each and everyone. With CFC, I've already experienced the most beautiful life possible for a person. I found my pearl of great price."

TONY Meloto, head of family and social ministries



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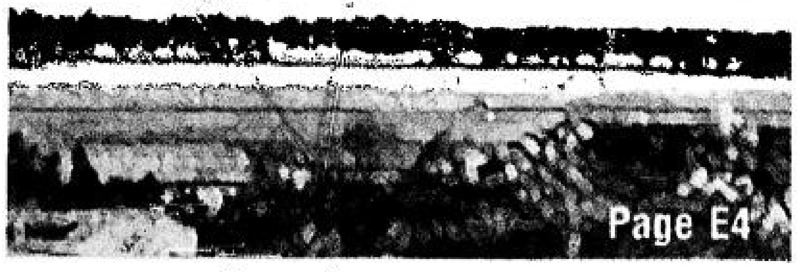

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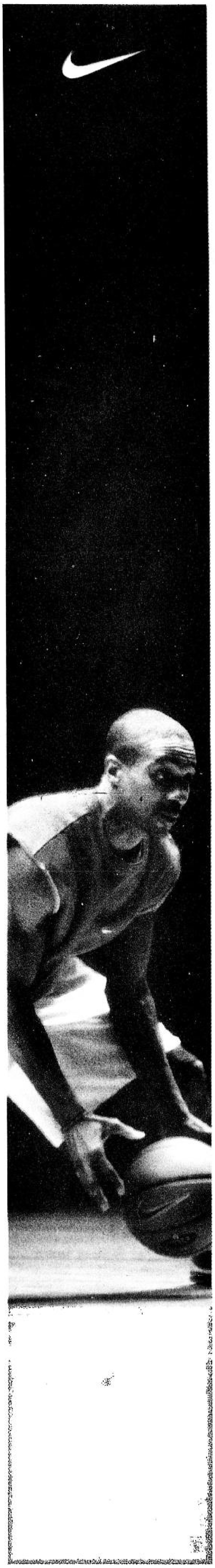
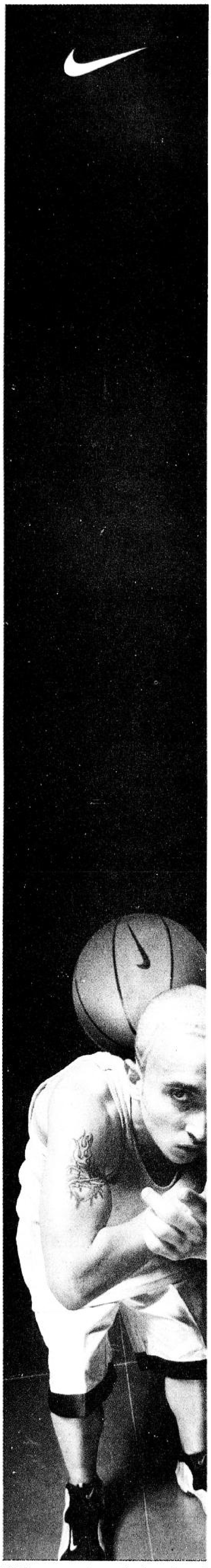
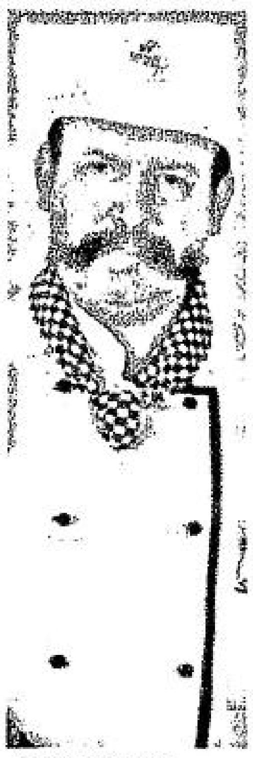




DR. Jose Barba and the *reinas* (past, present, future). Amparito Lhuillier (standing) Teresing Mendezona and Ingrid Santamaria (seated)

JOE Recio, early bird at the Escada bash, with Sylvia Valdes and emcee Tisha Gonzalez

Va Bene sizzles, Oceanic roars and Escada goes tropicana



CHEF Dietmar Dietrich

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

DIETMAR Dietrich has just been appointed executive chef of the Waterfront Hotel. To celebrate it, GM **Patrick Gregorio** and PR manager **Joey Osmeña** asked friends from the media to lunch at the Café Uno. That was only appropriate since Chef Dietmar is *numero uno* when it comes to gastronomy. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, that old adage goes, and there was more than just pudding that blissful noon.

Dietmar D. is Austrian by birth, and he has been in the Philippines for 12 years now. He has worked in Shanghai, Bangkok, Saudi Arabia, Glasgow and St. Moritz in Switzerland. In the Philippines he was at the Hyatt in Baguio and the Cebu Midtown Hotel; he later became executive chef at Va Bene, where he remains a consultant. People love to work with him because he shares all his culinary knowledge, and more.

Yet, it is at Va Bene that he came into his element. This is the Italian-themed restaurant at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel owned by **Margie Lhuillier** and managed by her children **Chris Darza** and **Claudine Ugarte**. Nights at Va Bene, and lunches, too, are memorable for the ambience, elegance, and impeccable service and varied menu, which deserve all the superlatives.

That was where a gaggle of friends took Dr. **Jose "Bebe" Barba** to welcome and fete him after he arrived from New York. **Flor Ynclino**, **Teresing Mendezona**, **Ingrid Santamaria**, **Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier**, **Jo Magsaysay**, **Ana Maria Manguerra** and **Chinggay Utzurrum** all chorused he should have come earlier, in May, to see Ingrid as Reina Emperatriz of the Cebu Plaza Santacruzan.

"Next year," he said, to which Teresing M. countered, "You be my escort? I'm the future Reina Emperatriz." "Of course, I'll come," exclaimed Bebe. In the next breath he muttered, "Wow!" to which someone reacted, "Wow, what?" He looked in the direction of Amparito across the table, glanced to his right where Teresing was giggling, and turned to his left where Ingrid was all calm and serenity. "I'm surrounded by *reinas*," Bebe quipped. Let's take a picture, someone said, and here it is.

In Cebu for a week, Bebe spent time with his mom, **Lily Paras Barba**, his sisters, **Marlene B. Sanchez** and **Bambi B. Salazar**, cousins like **Baby Paras Madarang**, dear friends like **Eddie** and **Ming-Ming Gullas** (he was just elected mayor of Talisay City), and **Jose "Dodong" Gullas** (who took a crack at politics and emerged congressman).

Now Bebe's back in Saddle River, New Jersey, where he lives in a beautiful house with his lovely wife, **Fidelis Alcazaren Barba**, and their children, **Gia** (who works with Random House in New York City) and **Steffan** (who is finishing his studies). Bebe is kept busy all day as he is chair of the Metcalf Institute of Radiation Oncology in Orange Center (NJ), and has a radiation oncology clinic of his own at the Bronx in New York.

"I cannot take long vacations," said Bebe in a serious mood, "for cancer does not take a vacation." Yet, once in a while, he manages to travel. This July, he will be London for the Royal Ascot. He'll be back in Cebu soon for the debut of **Jewelle Yeung**.

Speaking of events in July, a lot of people from Cebu and Bais (Negros Oriental) are going to Manila for the wedding of **Jacqueline Lhuillier** to **Clinton Hess.** That's on July 7 at 7 p.m., at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, with a reception at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Ambassador to Italy **Philippe Lhuillier** and Ms **Edna Diago Lhuillier**, who hails from Bais. Clinton is the son of Dr. **James Douglas Hess** and Ms **Jocelyn Campos Hess.**

Oceanic opening

JACKIE was recently in Cebu to inaugurate the plush new premises of Oceanic 1911 at Ayala Center. It is a one-stop place to get fine jewelry, silverware, crystal, porcelain and an infinity of gift items.

Cutting the ribbon was Jackie's glamorous grandmother, **Angelita Escaño Jones de Lhuillier**, who has been prodded by friends and relations to write a book of her life (and love) story. Oceanic would figure prominently in it, of course. Oceanic first opened in the Philippines in 1911, the retail arm of Levi & Blum. The Cebu branch opened in the 1930s and sent to manage it was a young, stunningly attractive Frenchman, **Henry Lhuillier**.

Pilar Martinez could write a whole book about her experiences with Oceanic, which she joined as a very young girl in 1936. It became an institution. Every Philippine president eventually shopped for the very best in the store, and Pilar was on hand to help them. When Oceanic closed, Pilar retired, but not for long because Philippe Lhuillier bought the business and reopened it. With Pilar in charge, of course. And there she was at the Cebu opening, spry and elegant, recognizing everyone. Like Angelita, she has also found the fountain of youth, and drunk from it.

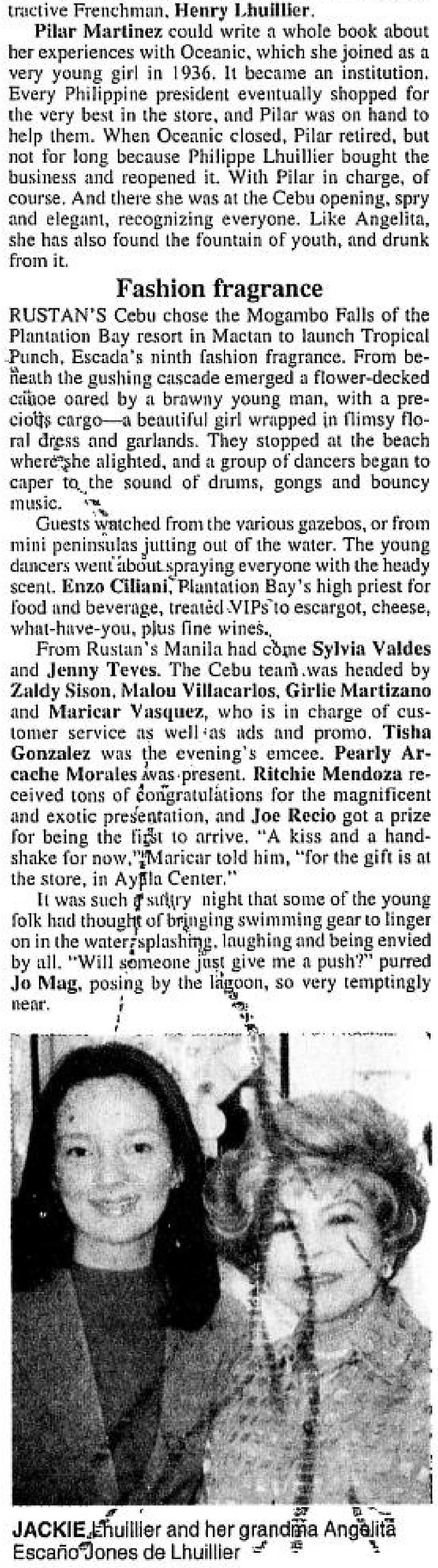
Fashion fragrance

RUSTAN'S Cebu chose the Mogambo Falls of the Plantation Bay resort in Mactan to launch Tropical Punch, Escada's ninth fashion fragrance. From beneath the gushing cascade emerged a flower-decked canoe oared by a brawny young man, with a precious cargo—a beautiful girl wrapped in flimsy floral dress and garlands. They stopped at the beach where she alighted, and a group of dancers began to caper to the sound of drums, gongs and bouncy music.

Guests watched from the various gazebos, or from mini peninsulas jutting out of the water. The young dancers went about spraying everyone with the heady scent. **Enzo Ciliani**, Plantation Bay's high priest for food and beverage, treated VIPs to escargot, cheese, what-have-you, plus fine wines.

From Rustan's Manila had come **Sylvia Valdes** and **Jenny Teves**. The Cebu team was headed by **Zaldy Sison**, **Malou Villacarlos**, **Girlie Martizano** and **Maricar Vasquez**, who is in charge of customer service as well as ads and promo. **Tisha Gonzalez** was the evening's emcee. **Pearly Arcache Morales** was present. **Ritchie Mendoza** received tons of congratulations for the magnificent and exotic presentation, and **Joe Recio** got a prize for being the first to arrive. "A kiss and a handshake for now," Maricar told him, "for the gift is at the store, in Ayala Center."

It was such a sultry night that some of the young folk had thought of bringing swimming gear to linger on in the water, splashing, laughing and being envied by all. "Will someone just give me a push?" purred **Jo Mag**, posing by the lagoon, so very temptingly near.



JACKIE Lhuillier and her grandma Angelita Escaño Jones de Lhuillier

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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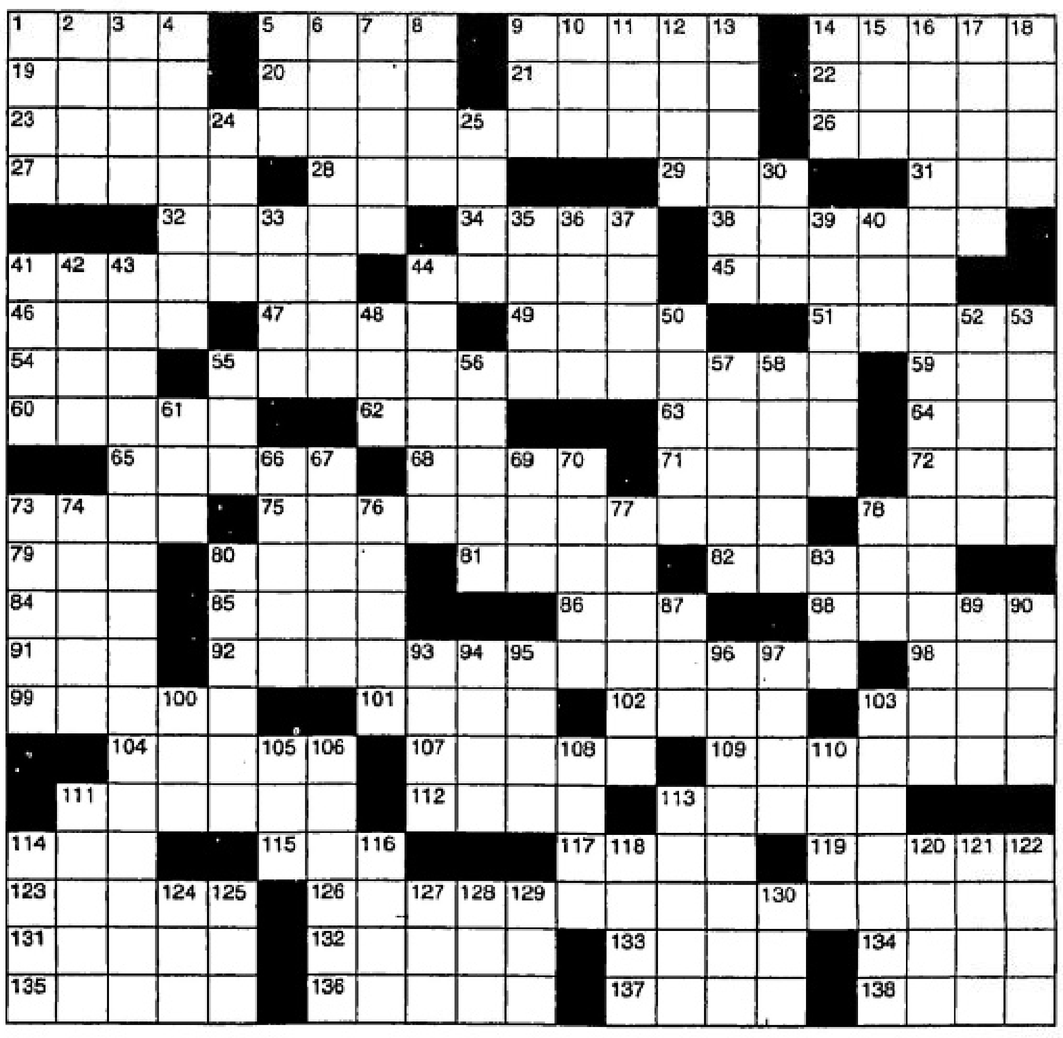

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ANSWER ON PAGE D2

Where night owls chill out

TEESAW

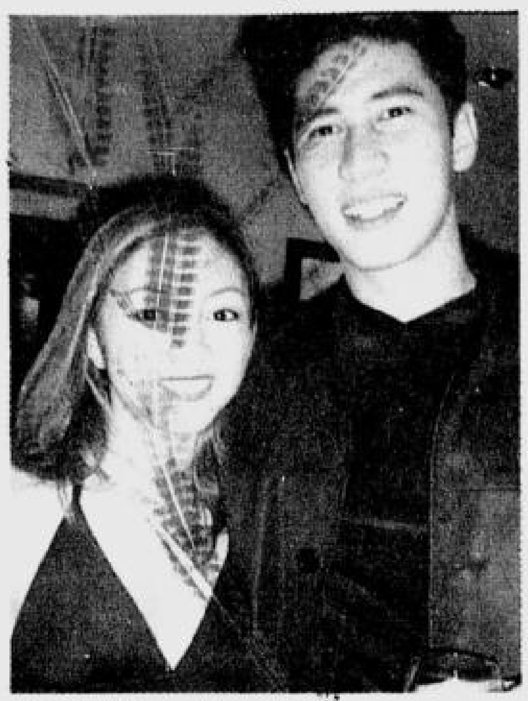
Raul Teehankee

PRAVDA Wine Bar and Beluga Bistro on Nicanor Garcia Street (formerly Reposo) in Makati reopened its doors with a great party last Friday.

Playing the perfect host was **Paolo Trillo**, whose family owns the trendy bar and bistro. Paolo, a sportscaster, columnist and celebrity endorser, can now add managing restaurants to his curriculum vitae.

Red and white wine flowed and hors d' oeuvres were aplenty. We left at midnight for another affair and the party lasted till 3 a.m.

Yes, Pravda and Beluga is now the chill-out place in Makati.



PAOLO Trillo and Janelle So

ILLAC Diaz

MANDY and Duane Santos

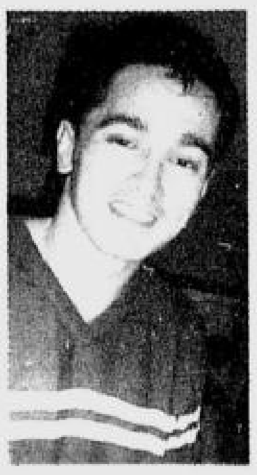
ANGELO Villanueva and Tita Trillo

MARNIE Marasigan and Patricia Rocha

DOCUMENTARY director Ed Lejano meets Gio Bacareza.

DJ Montano and Jenny Diaz

JASON Webb and Claudine Trillo

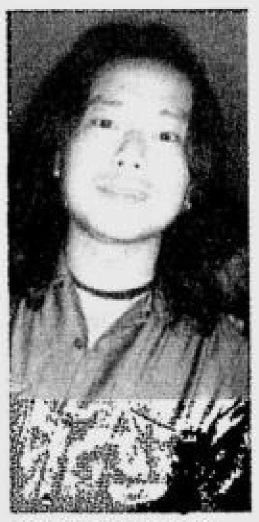


VINCE Hizon

JOAQUI Trillo with kids Carlo and Francesca

ALASKA dribblers Kenny Evans and John Ordono with wife Jackie

ALI Peek and Melissa



COACH Al Francis Chua

PROGRAM TO IMPROVE READING HABITS

EduQuest Inc. introduces in the Philippines an educational program that will bring about interest in reading, track reading literacy level, and encourage intervention from education caregivers. This program is entitled Accelerated Reader (AR). Ms. Maureen DiLuzio, a US-based reading specialist from Miramonte Elementary School, El Monte California has visited DECS-Makati and DECS-Quezon City to assess the AR program implementation in the Philippines. Ms. DiLuzio has also shared her views about the program culled from her own experience as a classroom teacher and from the research she conducted on the efficacy of AR program implementation in a session on ***Empowerment through Reading: A Forum with Partner Schools*** at Asia Pacific College. In the Philippines, EduQuest Inc. promotes the implementation of AR program to encourage the love for reading. For more information about the program, contact Emilie Bayona at 8530525 or e-mail at emilieb@mail.apc.edu.ph.

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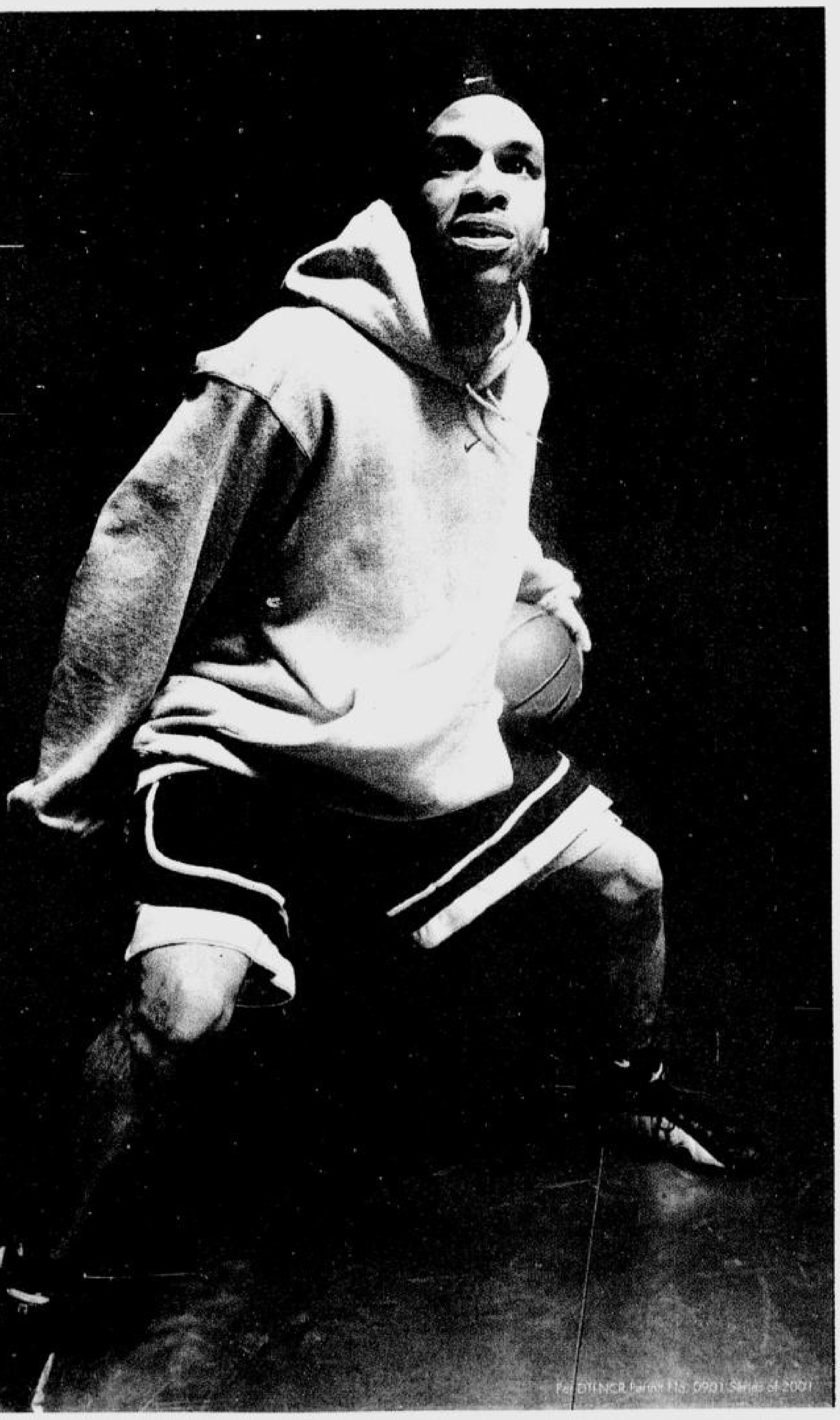

FREESTYLE

YOU REALLY ALL THAT?

The Contest :

If you've seen the NIKE "Freestyle" Music Video then you know you just have to give it up, get your groove on, bounce to the beat, and bust a move yourself to the rhythm of those funky dribbles. Well then this is your lucky day because NIKE is giving you a chance to catch the vibe, steal the spotlight, and show off your maddest freestylin', rim-rockin', ball-handlin' skills at the NIKE "Freestyle Contest".

The Prizes:

The top dawgs with the hottest freestylin' moves get to take home a load of NIKE goodies. Third placers run away with P15,000 worth of NIKE products, while second placers chalk up a cool P30,000 worth of NIKE products and a NIKE Ambient Frozen Watch each. The smoothest of the smooth get a whopping P50,000 worth of NIKE products, a NIKE Triax 50 watch, a NIKE Basketball, and a spanking NIKE MP3 player EACH!

The Lowdown:

Get on down to NIKE PARK or NIKE STADIUM stores and register your crew, limited to 3-5 freestylers, ages 18 years old and above. Your b-ball moves should be 2-3 minutes long and in-synch with the NIKE Freestyle soundtrack, which will be given upon registration. Applicants must present proof of purchase worth at least P500 of NIKE gear from NIKE PARK or NIKE STADIUM or must pay a registration fee of P100 each. Registration starts on July 9 and ends on July 15. Auditions will be from July 22 to July 27 at 2pm-8pm at Strike Zone Bldg., Roxas Blvd. corner E. Rodriguez St., Pasay City, tel. nos. 524-1282 to 83 (look for Met Vicencio). The top 10 teams selected in the auditions, based on ball handling skills, rhythm and coordination, originality, presentation skills and audience impact, will sport NIKE products and will compete for the grand prizes during the National Finals of the NIKE 3 on 3 in SM Megamall on August 18, 2001.

Check out the NIKE "Freestyle" music video on MYX
Log on to www.nikebasketball.com for more freestylin' action.

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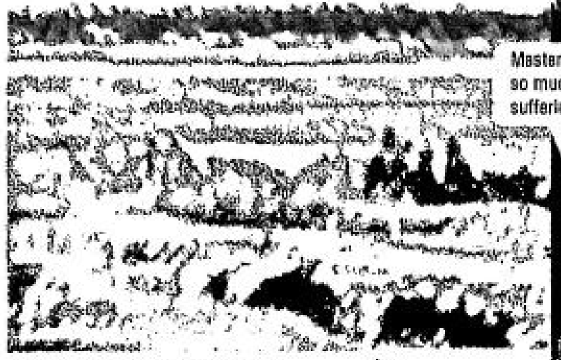
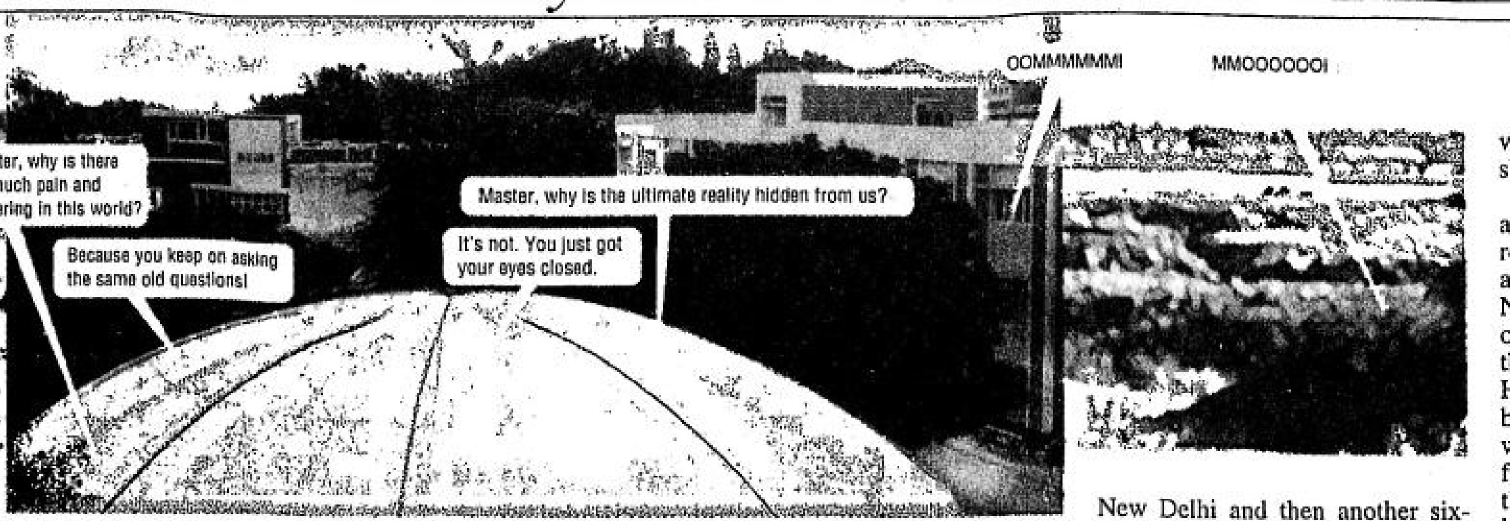


THE PHILOSOPHER'S stone lies deep somewhere in the northwest slice of India where a river cuts through gorges and ravines.


Master, why is there so much pain and suffering in this world?
Because you keep on asking the same old questions!
Master, why is the ultimate reality hidden from us?
It's not. You just got your eyes closed.
OOMMMMMMI
MMOOOOOOI

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN, the tent dome lights up with enlightening talk about the reality hidden from us.

Escape to reality

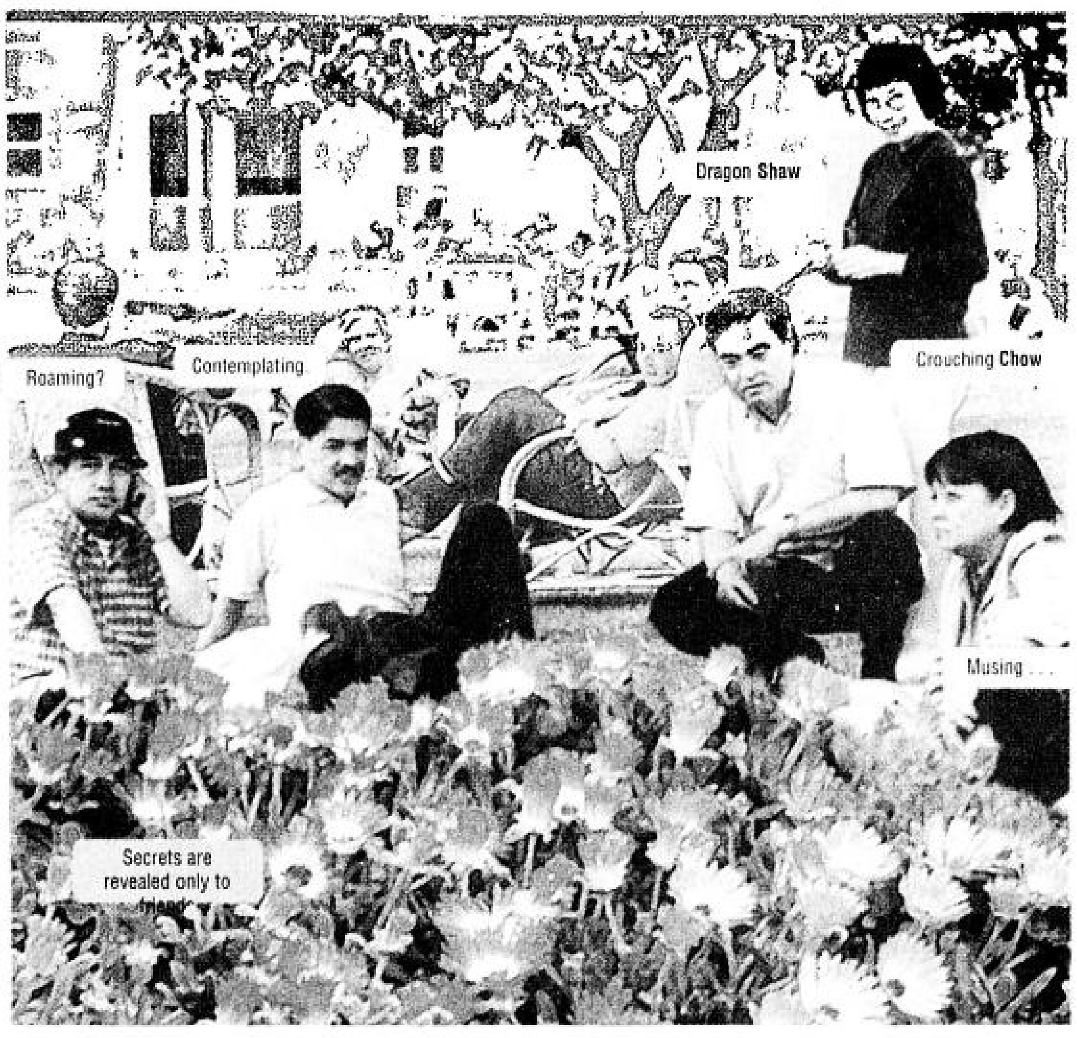
TEXT AND PHOTO-ILLUSTRATIONS
BY LYNETT A. VILLARIBA

AS an act in the theater of life and death, of the rise and fall drawing to a close, the morality play—such as life is—calls for a brief spiritual intermission.

As if in synchronicity, an invitation to a spiritual getaway comes from northwest India near the foot of the Himalayas. Hardly had we packed our bags when it elicits the why-India-for-Christ's-sake incredulity. But where else can a spiritual jewel be most appreciated but out of the mire of material deprivation and maze of cultural diversity where the symbolic wall of paradox looms in the horizon to conquer?

What are we to get away from? Is it corruption and the lack of moral ascendance in our midst? But isn't that what the reality of everyday politics is, as played to the illusion of the movie fan cum citizen? Is it the state of the nation under siege from all sides that is wearing down our hopes? Or maybe we are simply trying to get away from a vulnerability to a systems error in nature (i.e. the mad cow phenomenon)? We are witnessed to too much bad news that we are losing our grip on our search for true reality.

A getaway does not pick a destination. But no, we are definitely not jumping from the frying pan into the fire, just onto a 12-hour flight to the northwest gateway of New Delhi and then another six-hour train ride set against the cacophony of railway tracks deep into the plains of the Punjab.



DYNAMIC STILL LIFE. Dragon lady of Shaw business stands by a crouching Chow Yun Fat lookalike among Filipino extras. They join a slice of humanity connecting with reality in smelling the flowers, feeling colors throb and listening to the garden unravel its secrets.

Gift of time

Jumping out of a perennially moving train into the warm comforts of a garden hostel on a cold breezy night, we realize we have escaped not from, but into, reality. We cross over from the confines of matter into an infinite reality of spirit. This reality is obscured from us by our nearsighted look at our jobs, our duties and our illusions.

Too engrossed with a future yet to come, bothered by the past to enjoy what happens in the present, our mind goes into selective reality, choosing a scenario most likely to fit our needs. If, as Freud contends, we invent our own realities, then the fundamental problem we face is not of committing sins but of believing our delusions.

Getting away does not entail abandoning our worldly responsibilities; we are actually expanding our boundaries to include them beyond a lifetime into eternity. A line from the film "Gladiator" says it for us, "Whatever we do in life echoes throughout eternity."

Just because the spiritual reality is yet unknown does not make it separate from the proximate reality we know. Reality is one. It is the mind that divides. Inner-external. Altered-separate. To find out if the external and the internal are in absolute harmony, we get real by journeying within this body, stilling our mind to open the gates of eternity.

Our reality check tells us that man himself is the perfect book, for inside the human body is the essence of creation and the Creator Itself. The first glimpse of the Divine has to be in the innermost shrine of the self.

Actually, we don't have to go anywhere if all we need to find this reality within is the conveyance of a relaxed body and a still mind. Nor do we have to let the embrace of a pashmina shawl shorn from the gentle lambs grazing in the holy Himalayas of Nepal transport us to bliss. We could have stayed where we were in our bare essentials and found our little meditation nook in the noisy world of living. We could have, but just could not (get the focus we need).

The answer lies not at the end of the journey, but in the journey itself.

Symphony of silence

More than the enlightening talk and nourishing food safe of mad cow risk that our host accorded soul and body, it is the precious gift of time and freedom from worry—things lost in the pressures of clockwork living—that matter the most.

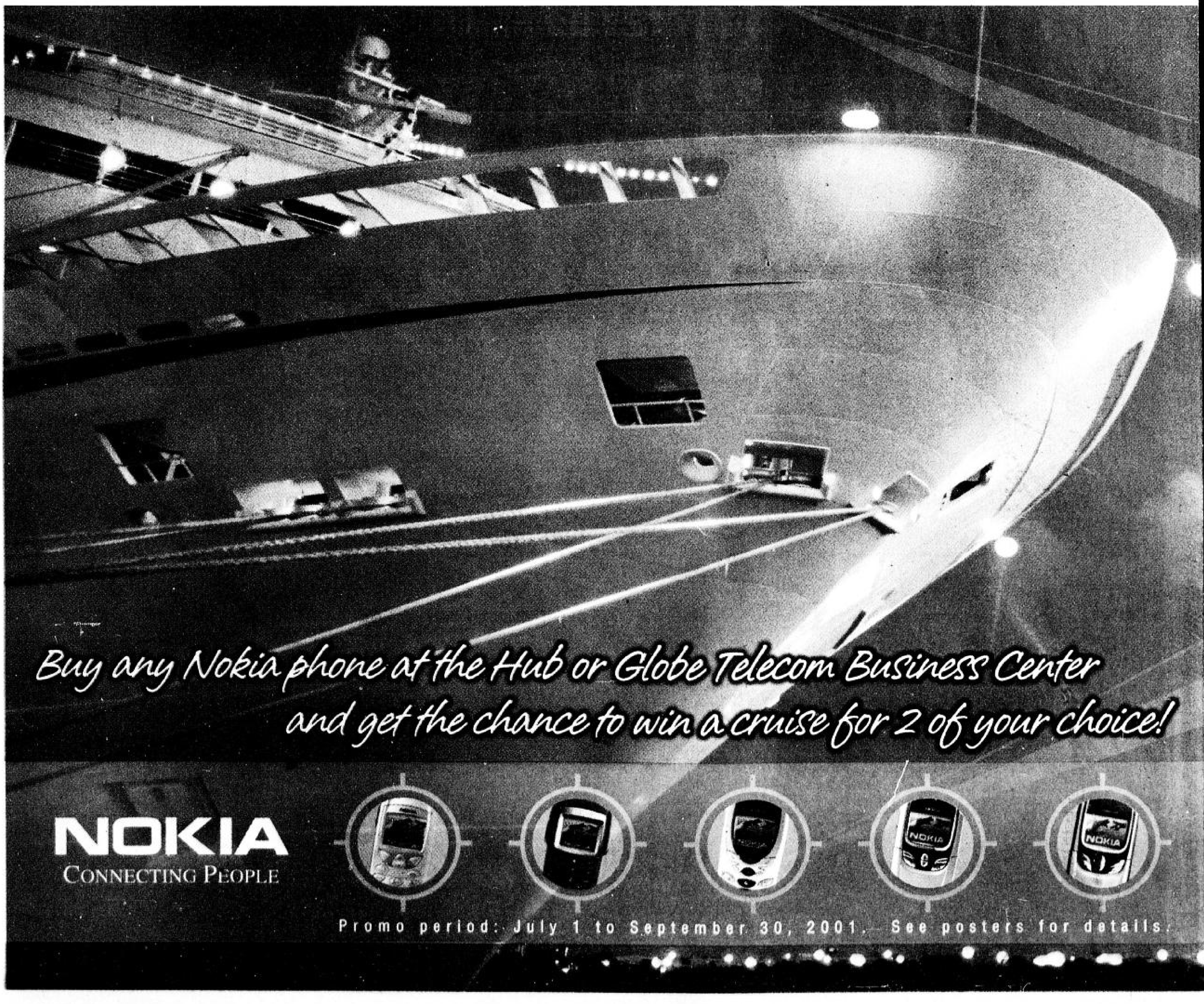
We reciprocate by obliging with that precious commodity of silence. Decibels are toned down, it is absolutely mum at night up to the meditative time of elixir at dawn and at siesta time. No blaring radios, no traffic, no noise, no newspapers, "no hell below us and above us, only sky." Silence becomes a lifeline to the supernatural.

All it takes to conduct a symphony of minds and hearts in perfect harmony is a Master. All it needs is an invitation.

On with the Shaw

The invitation comes via the long route to Dorothy of the Shaw business clan of the Chinese movie world. From making Bruce Lee a star and preserving his legend in death, to witnessing a brother's real-life kidnapping, to leaving the movie outfit that provided screenplay facility to "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Dorothy knows that there is more to reality than what happens before and behind the cameras.

She has gone to great lengths to seek the One who can show the true reality sans camera tricks, film editing and special effects. She has traveled from ashram to ashram to find one who not only demonstrated supernatural power but was also a



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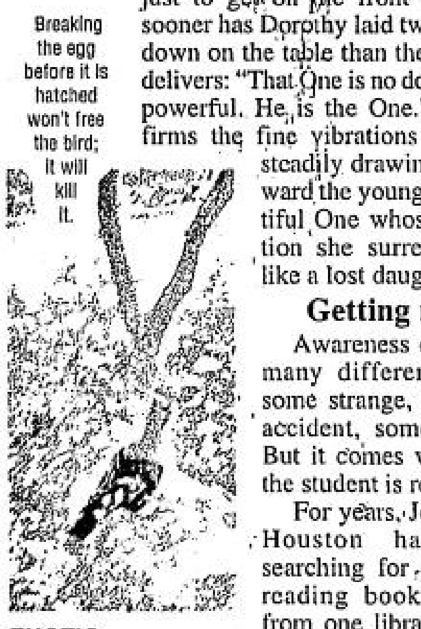
SCENE from the movie in my mind:

woman in person and Oriental in character, albeit a stern and strict mother disciplinarian to her disciples.

When the family moves from Hong Kong to Hollywood, Dorothy finally leaves the illusory world of moviemaking for a place where she pursues her reality search incognito. Thus, in staid Houston, Texas, just when she finds affinity and rapport with a Teacher out of India who would bring her to spiritual heights, she encounters her final destiny in another through a friend who brings her to a lecture center.

To resolve her apparent dilemma, she consults an American psychic credible enough for clients to incredibly shell out a hefty sum just to get on the front row. No sooner has Dorothy laid two photos down on the table than the psychic delivers: "That One is no doubt most powerful. He is the One." It confirms the fine vibrations that are steadily drawing her toward the younger, beautiful One whose invitation she surrenders to like a lost daughter.

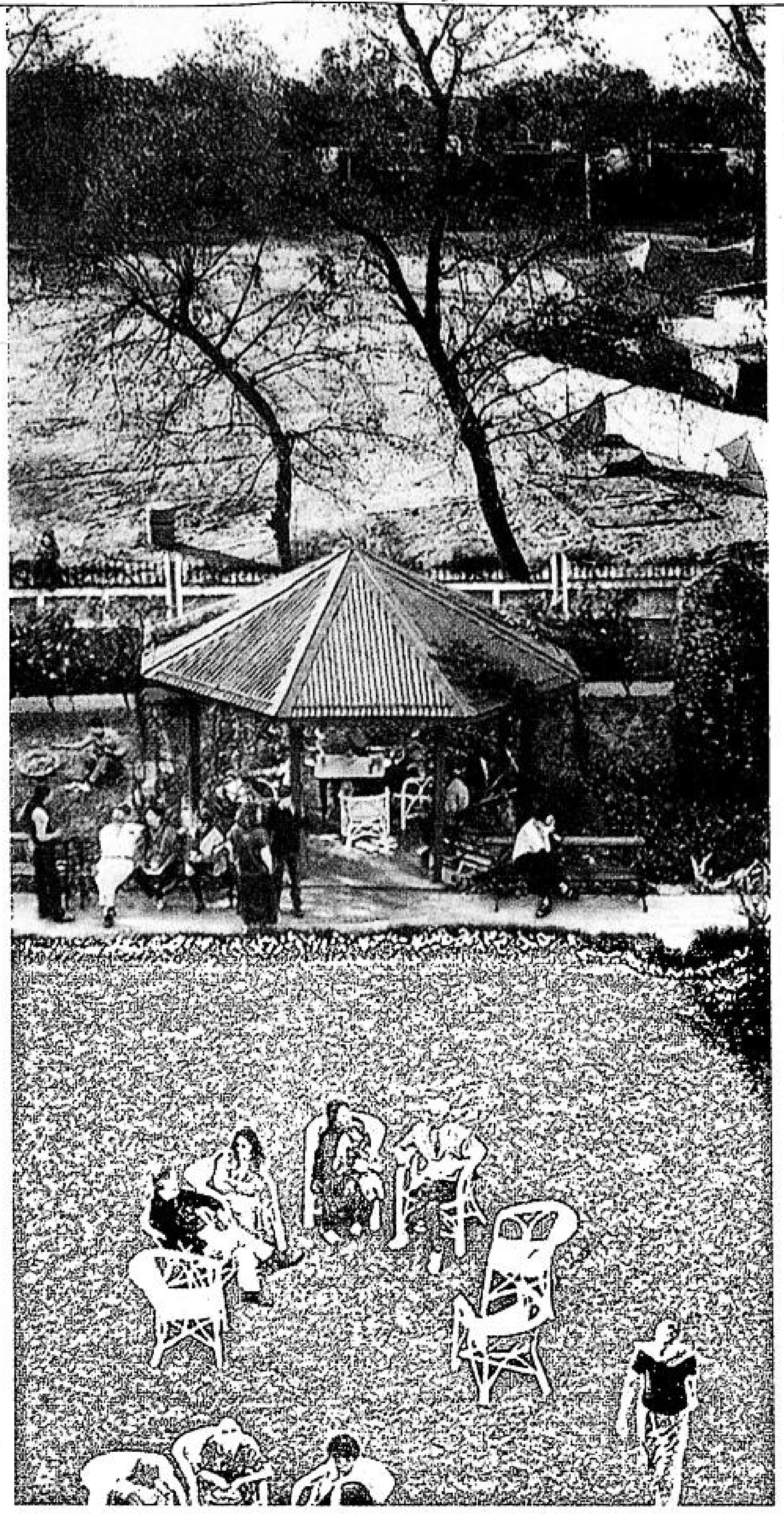

Breaking the egg before it is hatched won't free the bird; it will kill it.

EXOTIC bird straying into the garden shows affinity with free spirits.

Getting real

Awareness comes in many different ways, some strange, some by accident, some literal. But it comes whenever the student is ready.

For years, John from Houston has been searching for the path, reading books, going from one library to another, until in one pensive pause in an alley between bookshelves, a book falls out and hits him on the head. That is as literal and physical an encounter one can get because when it lands, the book opens to the page where the portrait of the Master-author stares at him. John follows this Master throughout the book pages, leading him to a local lecture to far away India and, finally, to disciplehood.



A sprinkling of borrowed marquee names contemplating tranquility beyond the walls of a garden in the dusty plains of somewhere.

In one evening talk underneath the tent on a moonlit sky, about 300 different rays from a single sun listen, as the One who shines most de-emphasizes the self-centeredness of a spiritual quest. We talk of being a good citizen or God's citizen as not a matter of denying oneself but of realizing who we really are.

We get real by following the soul's natural urge to express itself in service. Doing so enables us to look at ourselves from the outside, providing us a truer picture.

We talk of real service that truly counts as comprising of quality of heart, purity of mind and holiness of intention. We get real by doing service to others with absence of ego and fullness of detachment. We get real serving selflessly because of its greater value in the ultimate reality than any award the world can offer.

We find that, ultimately, the underlying motivation in all service is unity of all creatures with God. We widen our perspective as we begin to look at the world from the perspective of the Creator. We make this unity possible when we start to see the spark of the Divine in our fellowmen in the same manner that Mother Teresa did among "the least of His brethren."

We learn that we don't have to be president or senator in order to make a difference in life. We don't have to measure our worth in terms of how many people we have served nor do we ascertain how much we made a difference by the banner headlines we make.

It is the little things done in the purest of intention and to the best of one's ability that make a difference. On this we can say, "If something is worth doing, it is worth doing well."

Movie in our mind

Travelers who come here do not turn into grim ascetic monks oblivious to the external world. There is timely banter and laughter at human follies on the way to sifting illusion from reality.

As a parody to a make-believe world, we let characters from the movie screen perform big little tasks in our real world within the hostel grounds. Despite the repetition, every day is a new act.

There is a John Gielgud who does his spiel with the ardor of a poker-faced British butler in bringing lost possessions—not excluding humor or sanity—back to their owners. We have an American reincarnation of Benny Hill who provides the laughs in any serious discussion by insisting he is the other side in the mirror act of Robin Williams. On a dull day, Grace Kelly in all her graciousness walks by to brighten it up, but she still insists to being just an ordinary counselor from Hawaii—all throughout the walk to the discourse venue.

Then at a big lecture gathering, we find on the dais giving a discourse in the Queen's English someone who looks, talks and acts like Sean Connery. As he begins to talk of the sublime he becomes more like the Master's representative for Australia and New Zealand that he actually is.

At an afternoon tea, Ben Stiller talks of "keeping the faith" on raw plant food as the ideal health diet. That it makes the body absorb nutrients easily is reality to him for two years now.

I died a mad cow. 'Hope these humans don't mess up with my diet this time.

GOD'S little creature prancing carefree along the blades of grass and ancient stones.

Beneath the borrowed marquee names are real people who have grounded well. On the flip side, there are real marquee names who have looked inward for a reality check. Gladys Knight without the Pips, Richard Gere, Madonna, Demi Moore, Goldie Hawn have come down to the for a glimpse of the inner reality. Something about the glitzy world has spurred some to shed its trappings for the bare essentials.

Getting back

Even as movie fans we undertake a peek into a timeless reality, we continue the trek back to a proximate reality with feet firmly on the ground. We get back not as saints or reformists out to perform miracles or change the world. We may not have all the answers, but we simply latch on to the reality of infinite possibilities rather than the illusion of limits.

Life is still a journey, but nonetheless, a coming home to our potentiality. But even as we are as yet incomplete, we are comfortable in being a constant work in progress. The world did not change when we got back, but something in us did.

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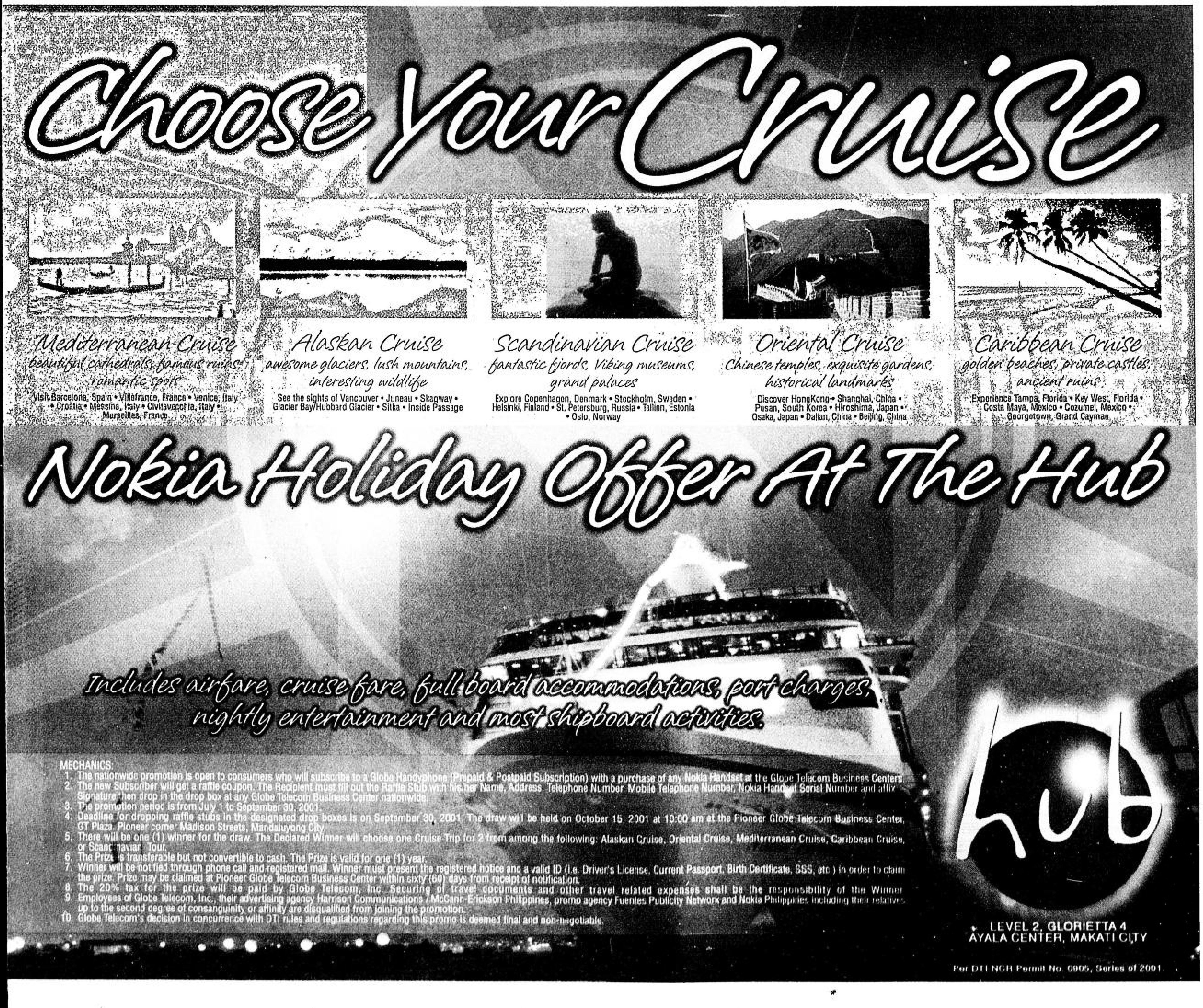
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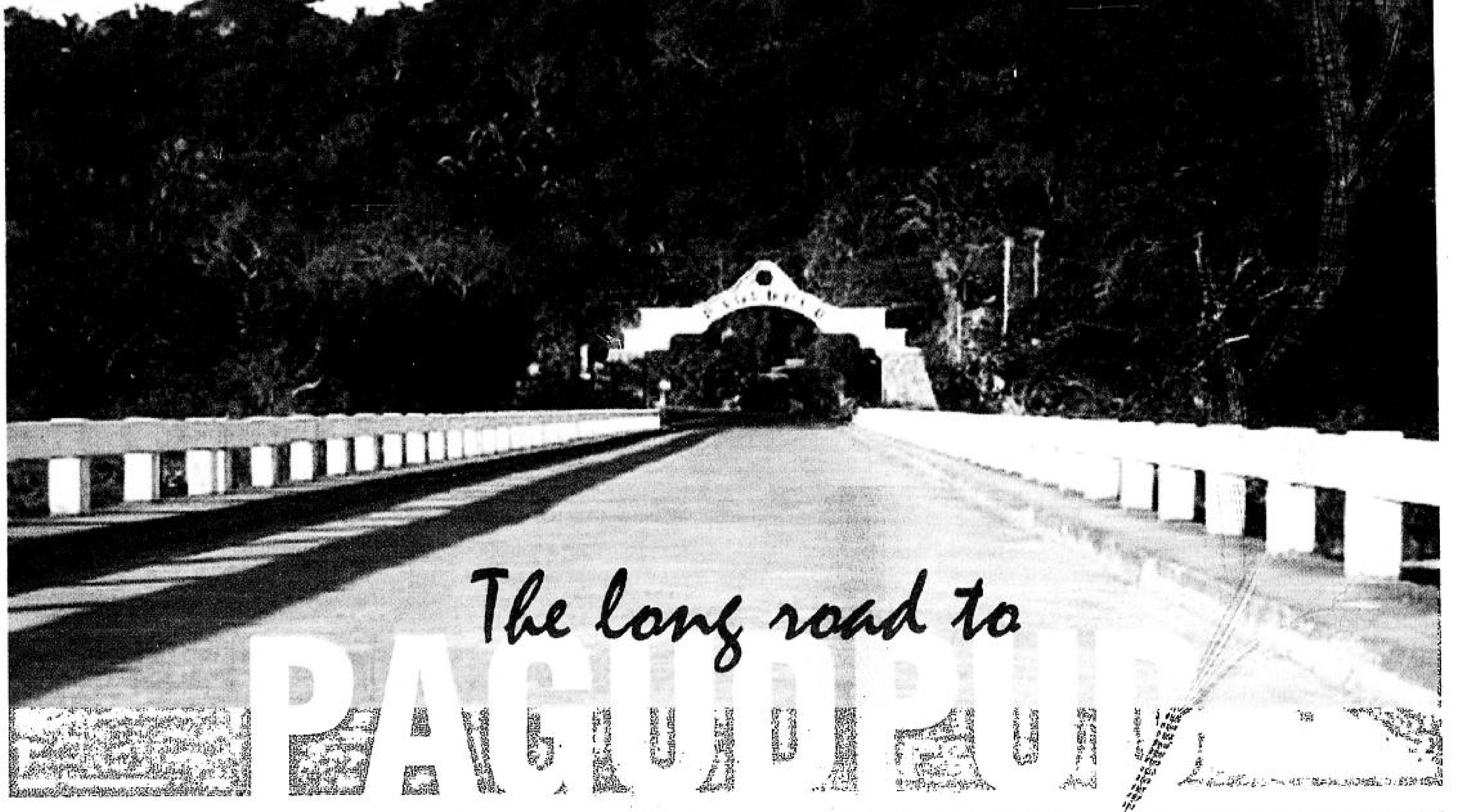


The long road to PAGUDPUD

Although colored flags stirred in the breeze and a forlorn volleyball net drooped on the sand, it was clear that the season was over and we had the grainy, khaki-colored beach all to ourselves

By Marc Anthony Reyes

IS THERE a summer hideaway worth a 17-hour drive? That's what we endured just to get to Saud Beach in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte. Well, okay, take away, say, four hours for meals, taking pictures and having the car repaired. That was still 13 solid hours on the road, albeit well-paved but often desolate, for a total distance of 550 kilometers.

It was a spur-of-the-moment decision. The idea was for our young family—myself, my wife Vangie and our eight-month-old daughter Mavi—to bond while taking a long-haul journey to a place we had never been but had heard so much about. At the eleventh hour, we asked our friends, Alex, a dentist, and his girlfriend Jinky, a banker, to come along and help with the driving and babysitting.

At our starting point, the Valenzuela exit at the North Expressway, we reset the odometer to 0. We started our journey at midnight.

No one among us had traveled past Laoag City. All we knew was that Pagudpud lies on the northernmost tip of Luzon, as clearly indicated in our trusty road map.

In the dead of night, we negotiated the stillness of the expressway, passing the sleeping villages of Pampanga and Tarlac, and made it to Carmen, the first town of Pangasinan, in almost three hours.

We checked the car, visited rest rooms and changed drivers. There was no problem with the road because much of it was deserted, allowing us to make headway and avoid getting caught in the Monday-morning traffic.

Trouble

La Union went by like a blur, and by the time dawn broke we were in Bangar, Ilocos Sur, where Vangie took the wheel. That's when we sensed trouble. We heard a weird noise from underneath the car, which grew louder as we hit 50 km per hour and beyond. We decided to go slow.

FEAST from the sea

Fortunately, the roads kept on getting better as we moved deeper into Ilocandia and passed rows of seemingly empty towns. There was no one by the roadside, behind us or up front, yet we could not go as fast as 50 kph because the noise grew increasingly and alarmingly loud.

We decided to have the car checked when we got to Vigan, Ilocos Sur, at 10 a.m. There, we also grabbed the chance to take a brief tour and have lunch.

Just as I suspected, it was the wheel bearing that was causing the trouble. It finally gave in to the torture it was getting, considering that I had been driving an average of only 50 km a day, and suddenly it went through 400 km in 10 hours. Otherwise, our seven-year-old car was in perfect shape.

By the time we hit the road again, it was already 2 p.m. and we still had about 150 km ahead of us—roughly the distance from Manila to the town of Moncada in Tarlac, which we passed around 3 a.m. At this point, I took the wheel again, refreshed by the extended stopover but very anxious about getting to our destination before dark.

The coastline started to show on our left, the waves frothing on rocky beaches, as we cut through cliffs outside Laoag. But the view shifted to thickly forested roadside to small town plazas to wide bridges for three agonizing hours.

Welcome

It was gathering dusk when the famous welcome arc of Pagudpud—standing on the far end of a wide, concrete bridge spanning a river rushing to the sea—finally came into view. From that landmark, it still took us about 20 minutes to get to Barangay Saud, weary from the long trip and uncertain if it was all worth it.

Quickly, we surveyed the row of beach resorts, and decided to check out the big ones.

The first resort hotel we stepped into did not have an information desk. A group of "bellboys" in slippers tried to put us in an air-conditioned room for two worth P1,500. We were told that for each additional person, we had to fork out P100, and that an extra bed cost P300. The problem was, there was no electricity. An unscheduled outage hit the town just after lunch, and nobody knew when the power would resume. The hotel also did not have generators. "There is only one hotel here that has generators," said one of the bellboys.

That piece of information saved us time because we went straight to that hotel, which happened to be the most exclusive and expensive in town. And since we did not have much of a choice, we checked in and retired for the night.

Beach bums

We could barely make out the sun the next morning, yet the waves were growing increasingly strong. And though the vast stretch of beach still showed signs of the busy summer—multicolored flags stirring in the breeze, bamboo torches planted on the shores, and a forlorn volleyball net drooping on the sand—it was very evident that the beach season was over. We had the grainy, khaki-colored beach all to ourselves.

Windswept, we sipped coffee on a wooden table screwed on a concrete ledge a few feet above the beach. The sea stretched out directly to the South China Sea, but a bellboy said that on a clear day, Batanes would be visible on our left.

We decided to comb the beach and check out the right end of the strip where a solitary tree stands atop a rock. We learned that for P150, you can hire a boat to ferry you to a nearby place with rock formations.

The beach has the color and texture of roasted sesame seeds. It is not in any way comparable to the talcum-powder-soft sands of Boracay, and it also does not have the calm waves to match it.

The water in Pagudpud is constantly busy. On that post-summer day it diligently rushed to the shore, leaving overlapping surf in its wake. And while it hardly allowed us to enjoy a leisurely swim, we frolicked, dipped and treaded in it. It also provided a perfect setting for taking pictures (no wonder it's director Carlitos Siguion Reyna's favorite location for his films).

We found Pagudpud a visual feast, although we were not sure that we would make a great deal of effort to come back. For one thing, cell phones are useless here—but on the other hand, that could be something visitors might like if they truly want to cut off lines with the big city.

Banquet

At a portion of the beach where fishermen dock their boats, we met Aling Telma, who offered to cook lunch for us. It was actually what we had in mind—finding somebody to order fresh seafood from and cook it besides, to allow us an escape from the boring menu at the resort. We felt that there was something terribly wrong with eating beef *mami* or breaded pork chop while in a first-class beach like Pagudpud—or any other beach, for that matter.

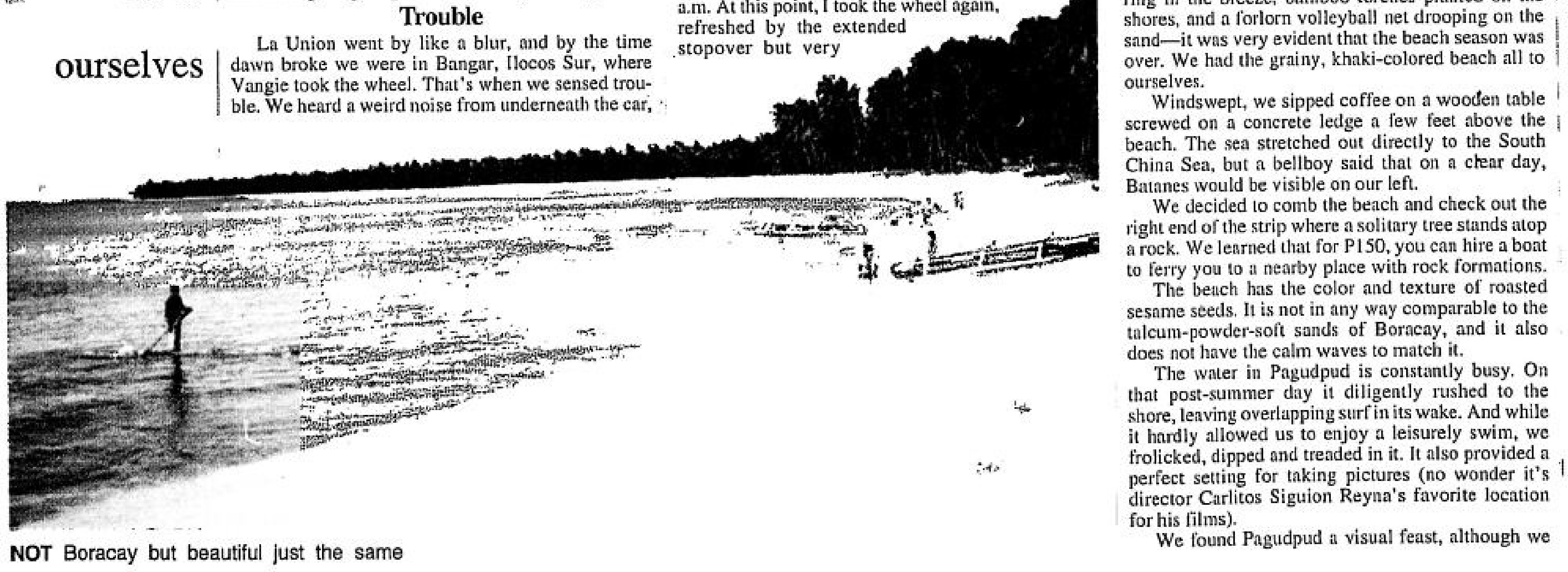
We ordered one-and-a-half kilos of lobster and the same quantity of crabs, which Aling Telma steamed in 7-Up and salt. We asked her to choose the smaller lobsters that went for P250 a kilo (P750 back in the hotel). The crabs, which cost P170 a kilo, were the wild, hairy variety found in the deep sea. The *aligi* had sand in it but the arms were particularly robust and filled with sweet, luscious meat. But the insides were not as smooth as the cultured crabs available in Manila. The many chambers posed a challenge to the dedicated eater. We preferred the lobsters, whose thick meat easily slid through the shell. There was also plenty to nibble on from the large, thorny heads.

In a *nipa* cottage we set up banana leaves, and arranged steaming rice and our freshly cooked seafood on these. The famous *sukang Iloco* made the banquet complete. So that the hotel attendant would not object to our buying food outside—the practice is against the resort's policy—we ordered beer, soda and a bowl of hot *dinengdeng*.

Our princely lunch cost us only about P700 (P550 for the seafood).

And if only for that, we reached a unanimous decision: Pagudpud deserves all the praise heaped on it. The postcard images of blue, unspoiled sea and clean, wide beach in Siguion Reyna's movies and the "Aawitan Kita" specials were all there to see and enjoy

But to defy 17 hours on the road to get there? Well, it wasn't exactly a good idea.



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Travel-adventure contest

TEAM Journeys Philippines has launched the first travel-adventure contest in the country.

Through an essay-writing contest, eight winners will go on all-expenses-paid trips to six Asian countries. Hiking the Great Wall of China from end to end and taking in the Taj Mahal in India, among others, comprise Team Journeys Mission 1.

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Succeeding missions will target South America, Australia, Africa, Europe, North America and Canada.

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Why Filipino homes need termite treatment

THE CONSUMER

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THIS is the time of the year when termites develop wings and fly all over the neighborhood just when humans are taking their early dinner. They crawl inside your stuff. They drown in your soup bowl and glass of water. And they leave a mess that is hard to clean up.

But this is not the real problem with termites. As we experienced over the years, these wood-eaters have demolished shelves and cabinets and devoured what's inside, including our treasured books, photo albums and countless memorabilia. The insects are simply impenetrable, and the only thing termite exterminators could do for us was suppress the termite population temporarily. Year after year, the winged termites are back, alarmingly with bigger population.

The entire Philippines, experts tell us, is a termite belt populated by one of the worst species known as milk termites. They multiply exponentially in their underground colonies and can easily spread throughout residential houses, including high-rise structures. Next to fire, termites are the worst threat to Filipino homes, the experts added.

Recently, we met termite experts who introduced us to a new technology called Sentricon system, developed by Dow Agro Sciences company. Instead of digging traditional channels, Sentricon technicians place bait stations in prime termite foraging areas to capture worker termites. These workers forage nonstop to feed themselves and the queen that lays the eggs in the underground colony.

Captured termites don't only distribute the special food laced with growth inhibitors but they draw other termites to the feeding stations as well. The intention is to stop the growth of termites until the entire colony dies. Close monitoring is done regularly to discover new colonies in the property.

Unlike earlier termite control technologies, Sentricon is said to be environment-friendly and has won the Green Chemistry Award in the US.

Recently, we saw a film clip on cable television that showed US residents using Sentricon technology in their homes. We're told big firms here, like Ayala and other developers, have adapted the new termite control treatment.

By the way, the flying insects you see this rainy season could be winged ants, not termites. According to Sentricon expert Ela Dillague, "unlike ants, termites do not have waistlines and their wings are even." For more information, write to RDDillague@dow.com.

Bench replies to complaint

CALLING Emma Remo Roxas, the reader who complained about a Bench blouse. Here is a letter from Jayjay Ferrer of Bench ad and promo department (Bench@benchTM.com):

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The e-mail address of Ms Roxas is emmaroxas@postmark.net.

Readers' comments

THE CONTROVERSIAL "*ikiskis sa pilapil*" jingle elicited this comment from Julius Ivan Cabignon <jaycyesee@hotmail.com>: "The product was meant to hit the masses, more particularly, the urban folk who mostly come from the provinces. To say that this commercial is offensive and 'degrading to females' is, for me, a bit over-reactionary. It is a fact that in the province, people actually use the *pilapil* in the absence, or nonexistence, of toilet paper. What the ad merely did was to state a fact that in times of excretory emergencies, when no toilet paper is at hand, you'll have no choice but grab the nearest known substitute. The makers of the commercial who read your column are probably patting each other's backs because of the controversy their ad has created."

Tanguy de Crillon <dcrillon@hotmail. com> is reminding the sales staff of Anonymous at Ayala Center to check price tags. He wrote: "When a customer buys an item that happens to have a higher price than the reduced price that was advised, it is only right that he should pay the lowest price. At Anonymous, the sales staff rationalized that they were too busy to take off the other price so they just added the new one."

Jennifer M. Isleta of jmisleta@ edsamail.com.ph wrote: "If paying real estate taxes in Parañaque is chaotic, it's a pleasure paying in the Muntinlupa realtor's office. Since the time of former Mayor Toti Bunye, I could go there and pay during lunch break. Last time I went there at lunchtime, the lady at the assessor's office did not hesitate to set her lunch plate aside to accommodate my payment. Everything was done in 15 minutes. I am very glad Mayor Fresnedi and the municipal staff have kept up the good work."

From Ed Balangue <ecbalangue@rcbc.com>: "The tariff/matrix fare scheme according to distance should be posted conspicuously inside jeepneys so commuters will know the rate. As it is, jeepney drivers can charge exorbitant fares without the commuters knowing they're being taken for a ride. With the tight economic situation, every cent saved is important. Please tell me the e-mail address of LTFRB chair Dante Lantin."

You won't believe it but Mr. Lantin does not have an e-mail facility. He might get one soon, we were told. You can call him up at 426-2505 or fax 921-2291—that is, when the facsimile machine is repaired.

Send comments and complaints to mgiron@csi.com.ph.

RP INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER
Ottawa, Canada investment consultant Sonia del Rosario recently hosted a dinner at her residence for Filipinos attending the Philippine Independence Day Flag-raising Ceremonies held at the Ambassador's Residence in Ottawa. In photo are (from left) lawyer Jimmy Malanyaon Jr., Philippine Ambassador to Canada Francisco Benedicto, Del Rosario, Dr. Ruby Roa-Alboli, Cebu Rep. Nancy R. Cuenco and (standing) Leontina Benedicto, wife of Ambassador Benedicto.

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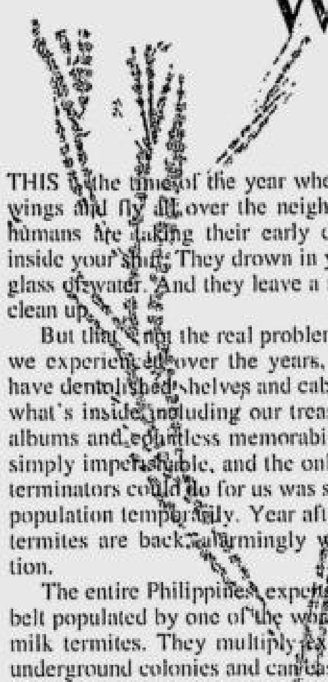

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Unlike earlier termite control technologies, Sentricon is said to be environment-friendly and has won the Green Chemistry Award in the US.

Recently, we saw a film clip on cable television that showed US residents using Sentricon technology in their homes. We're told big firms here, like Ayala and other developers, have adapted the new termite control treatment.

By the way, the flying insects you see this rainy season could be winged ants, not termites. According to Sentricon expert Ela Dillague, "unlike ants, termites do not have waistlines and their wings are even." For more information, write to RDDillague@dow.com.

Bench replies to complaint

CALLING Emma Remo Roxas, the reader who complained about a Bench blouse. Here is a letter from Jayjay Ferrer of Bench ad and promo department (Bench@benchTM.com):

"May we request you to please send us Ms Remo's (Roxas) address or contact number so we can properly address her complaint, and apologize for any inconvenience the incident may have caused.

"We take extra measure to ensure that all the products we sell in our stores meet our quality standards. It is most unfortunate the incident happened."

The e-mail address of Ms Roxas is emmaroxas@postmark.net.

Readers' comments

THE CONTROVERSIAL *"ikiskis sa pilapil"* jingle elicited this comment from Julius Ivan Cabignon <jaycyesee@hotmail.com>: "The product was meant to hit the masses, more particularly, the urban folk who mostly come from the provinces. To say that this commercial is offensive and 'degrading to females' is, for me, a bit over-reactionary. It is a fact that in the province, people actually use the *pilapil* in the absence, or nonexistence, of toilet paper. What the ad merely did was to state a fact that in times of excretory emergencies, when no toilet paper is at hand, you'll have no choice but grab the nearest known substitute. The makers of the commercial who read your column are probably patting each other's backs because of the controversy their ad has created."

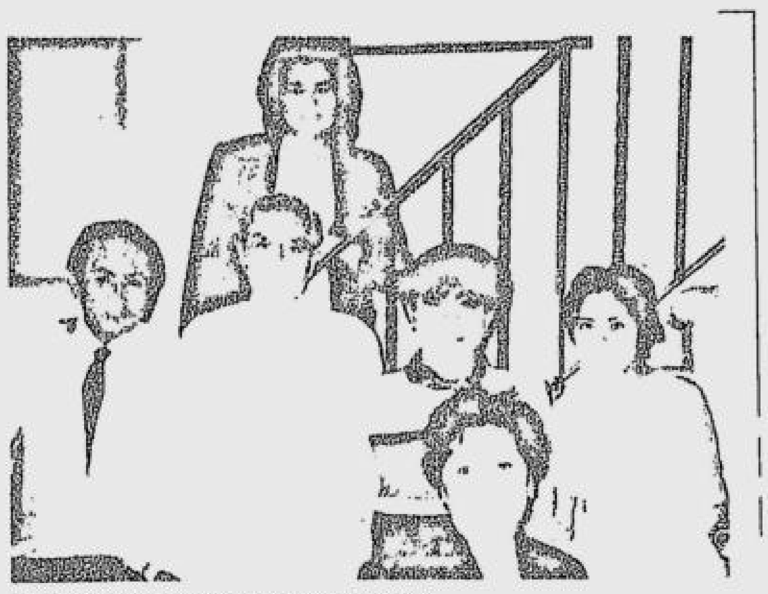
Tanguy de Crillon <dcrillon@hotmail.com> is reminding the sales staff of Anonymous at Ayala Center to check price tags. He wrote: "When a customer buys an item that happens to have a higher price than the reduced price that was advised, it is only right that he should pay the lowest price. At Anonymous, the sales staff rationalized that they were too busy to take off the other price so they just added the new one."

Jennifer M. Isleta of jmisleta@edsamail.com.ph wrote: "If paying real estate taxes in Parañaque is chaotic, it's a pleasure paying in the Muntinlupa realtor's office. Since the time of former Mayor Toti Bunye, I could go there and pay during lunch break. Last time I went there at lunchtime, the lady at the assessor's office did not hesitate to set her lunch plate aside to accommodate my payment. Everything was done in 15 minutes. I am very glad Mayor Fresnedi and the municipal staff have kept up the good work."

From Ed Balangue <ecbalangue@rcbc.com>: "The tariff/matrix fare scheme according to distance should be posted conspicuously inside jeepneys so commuters will know the rate. As it is, jeepney drivers can charge exorbitant fares without the commuters knowing they're being taken for a ride. With the tight economic situation, every cent saved is important. Please tell me the e-mail address of LTFRB chair Dante Lantin."

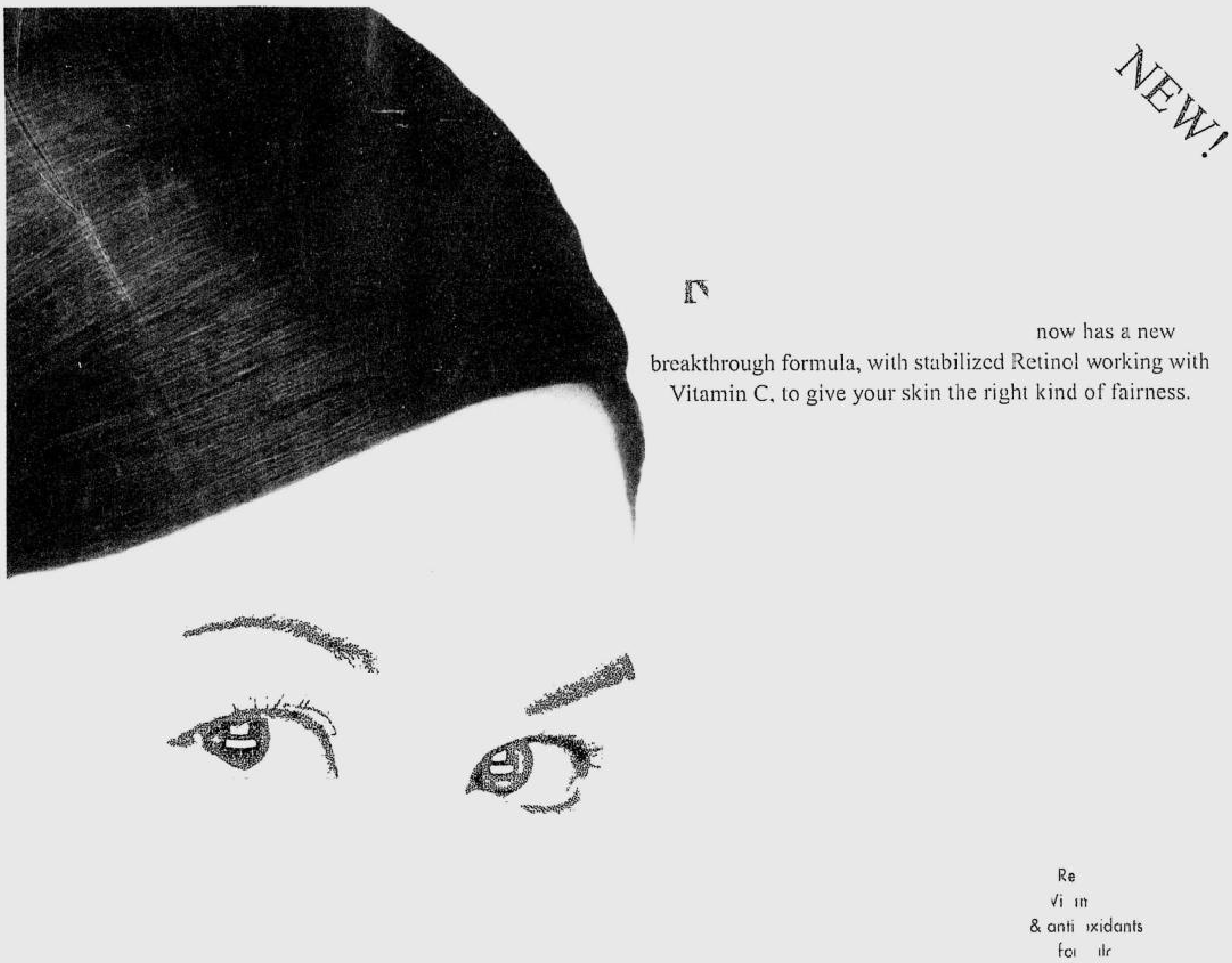
You won't believe it but Mr. Lantin does not have an e-mail facility. He might get one soon, we were told. You can call him up at 426-2505 or fax 921-2291—that is, when the facsimile machine is repaired.

Send comments and complaints to mgiron@csi.com.ph.



RP INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER

Ottawa, Canada investment consultant Sonia del Rosario recently hosted a dinner at her residence for Filipinos attending the Philippine Independence Day Flag-raising Ceremonies held at the Ambassador's Residence in Ottawa. In photo are (from left) lawyer Jimmy Malanyaon Jr., Philippine Ambassador to Canada Francisco Benedicto, Del Rosario, Dr. Ruby Roa-Alboli, Cebu Rep. Nancy R. Cuenco and (standing) Leontina Benedicto, wife of Ambassador Benedicto.



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Corsets, David Duchovny's rear view and gay pals

T'N'T Trends & Trendings

TIE me up, tie me down. Corsets by Stella McCartney for Chloe

BY ANTON SAN DIEGO

MUST-HAVE fashion look—corsets. This is getting a little bit ahead of the fashion ballgame, but in the Fall/Winter 2001 shows it seems that corsets (that waist-whittling lingerie of yore) is back in the spotlight. It seems that the waist will be the major focal point in the coming season (ladies, take note, lose your gut!).

Major designers like **Stella McCartney**, **Richard Tyler** and **Tom Ford** of Gucci served up feminine lace-boned corsets in their collections. The movie "Moulin Rouge," which had **Nicole Kidman** in cinched glory, probably served as inspiration. Underwear as outerwear is not a new trend, it can be traced back to the 19th century and was popular during the Victorian era. Its use was not just to show a woman's form, but also to keep her under control. The complicated layers of lace, bone and fabric were seen as a disincentive to clandestine affairs.

Over the years they have been restyled for greater comfort and now they're back in style! Since most women are always trying to get that corset-look via dieting and exercise, now you can either emphasize all the work or hide the flaws.

On being alone. One lunch saw me being stood up by a friend. I was quite uneasy sitting there by myself, made worst by the fact that there were some people I knew sitting at the next table. One of them even went up to me and asked, "Are you eating alone?" The question stung. I was not sure if I was embarrassed or outraged at her direct question, or both. When I told her my friend stood me up, she was satisfied with my answer (she's one of those busybody friends).

Our culture does not look highly of people who are alone. They think if a person is out alone in the movies, restaurant or mall, there is something wrong with him. They feel s/he has no friends. Because of their close ties to their family and *barkada*, Filipinos look at those who are alone as lonely, outcast and infected with a disease of sorts. However, abroad you'd see people alone in cafés, parks, museums and cinemas.

Women over 30 are in a particularly difficult situation. If they don't have a boyfriend at that age, they are deemed as too picky, ugly, too selfish or crazy. Men have it relatively easier. If they are over 30 and they don't have anyone, people think they're gay.

Going back to my lunch. Although I was still reeling from my friend's question, I found myself reading a magazine and actually enjoying my time alone. I saw my being alone in a positive light. I wasn't listening to *chismis* or making small talk. So next week, I have set a date with myself. It will be fun, peaceful and well, economical.

10 things overheard from two *matronas* while shopping at S&R Price. 10. "Look at that woman wearing those big jewelry, I'm sure they're fake!" 9. "I can't believe you opened those chips, *masarap ba*?" 8. "Wow, *parang* we are in the States (they look around), more like Daly City and Chinatown." 7. "Look at that gorgeous patio furniture, it will go well with my garden and dwarfs." 6. "Who owns this place anyway? S/he must have tons of money." 5. "I am so full. I ate five hotdogs and three pizzas, and it's so so good!" 4. "I have to squeeze the Charmin (US toilet paper)." 3. "Wait, I need to call Meldy to come here." Friend answers, "Can you call my driver *na rin* to come in to push the cart?" 2. "At least here the stuff is new, not like Duty Free." 1. "I wonder when the sale is?"

Must-read book—"Shadow of the Dolls." "Valley of the Dolls" debuted in 1966 and made **Jacqueline Susann** a superstar. It was one of the most shocking and sexy novels about women who dared chase their wildest and glamorous dreams. Before her death, Susann wrote random notes which **Rae Lawrence** ("Shadow's" author) used to pick up from where "Valley" left off. The characters are still there although the "dolls" have changed to xanax, valium and percoset, while plastic surgery and sex are as important. It's the most fun, campy and sizzling book you'll read this month!

10 ways to keep your sanity in a crisis. Our country has been going one crisis after another. The Abu Sayyaf, inflation, kidnapping of ethnic Chinese, the eruption of Mayon Volcano and the collapsing peso have made people even more

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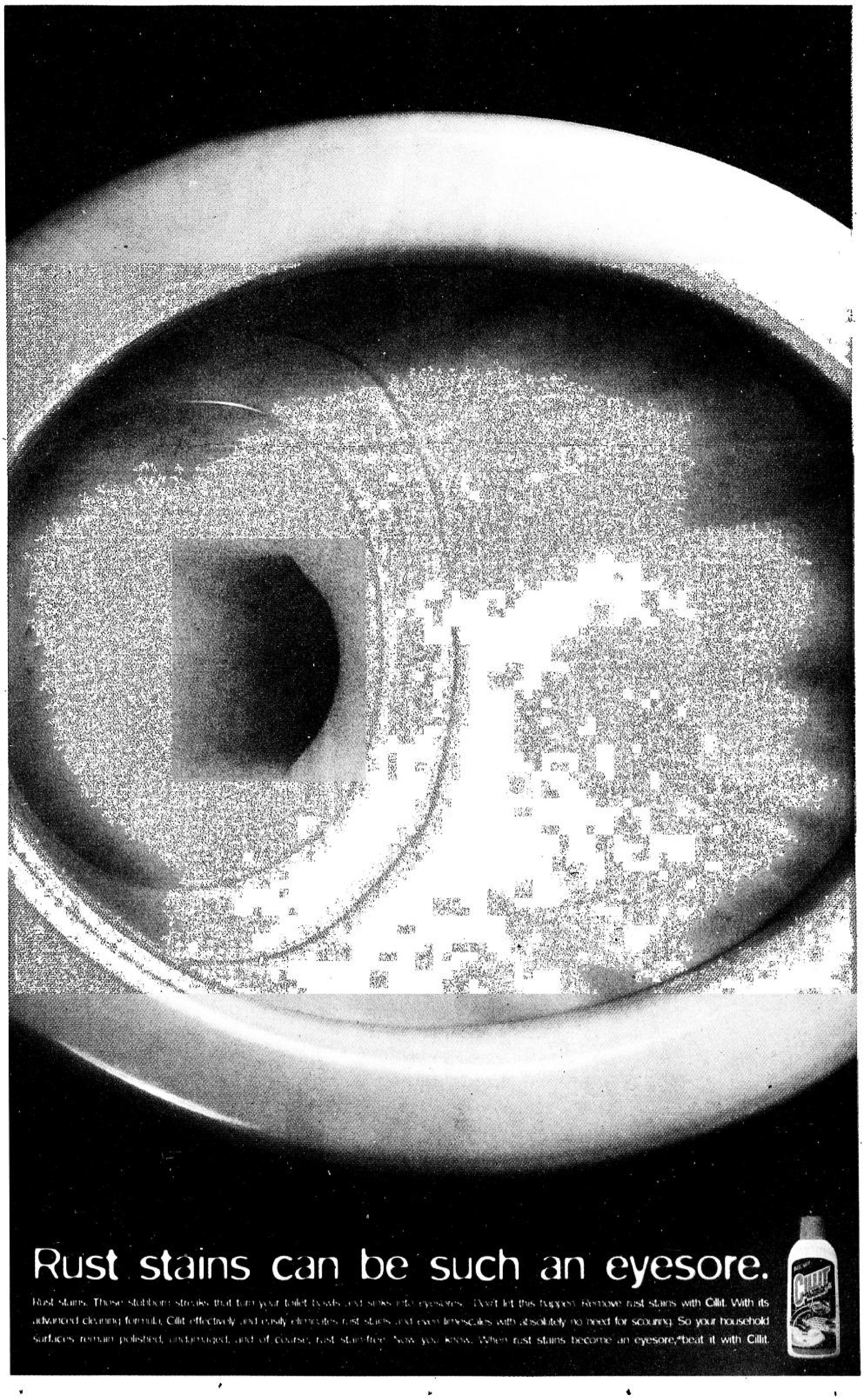

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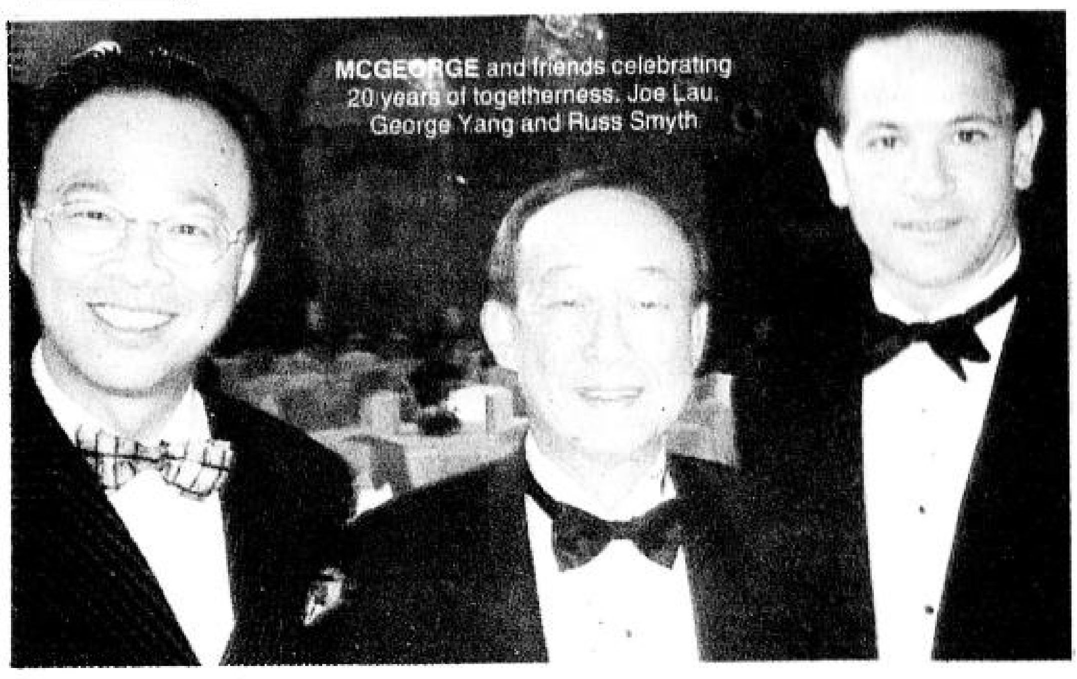

MCGEORGE and friends celebrating 20 years of togetherness. Joe Lau, George Yang and Russ Smyth

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MC mega couple Sharon and Kiko Pangilinan

20 years of good times and great taste

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY TIM YAP

I AM a McDonald's baby. No matter how my gourmand friends tease me about my food choices, my idea of a great meal would still consist of cheese burger and fries. And chicken, spaghetti, apple pie, sundae... whew! I still remember my first outing without my nanny—I sneaked out of the house with money I saved (at Grade 1 at that) to buy myself that absolute must-have Ronald McDonald sharpener.

Two decades after, this institution has grown tremendously, by leaps and bounds, faster than you can say, "Double, double, cheese, cheese, burger, burger, please, please!" At the Makati Shangri-La ballroom, where "Mickey Dees" was celebrating his 20th year, I stood in awe of the growth of the house that Bic Mac built—with its Philippine founder, visionary George Yang, leading the festivities.

Indeed, they have a lot to be proud of. Providing a positive impact in the lives of Filipinos, they were the ones who started the trend in hiring students as part of their crew—people who have become entrepreneurs, executives, even movie stars! Value meals, drive thru, "Play Place," the Ronald McDonald's House charities and several innovations after, their competitors are all doing the same thing. Which is actually good because in the end, it is us, the burger-and-fry crazy population, who tend to benefit from all this progress.

It's Mc tonight!

Spectacular production numbers highlighted the affair. Dancers grooved in and out of the stage, dressed up like your typical Filipino neighborhood, with a huge McDonald's restaurant in the background, giant fries and all. Cher Calvin started the ball rolling as McGeorge Food Industries officials delivered their speeches, led by George, of course, followed by debonair son Kenneth and their foreign partners.

Trips down memory lane ensued, from a parade of McDonald's uniforms from years past till the present to a medley of the QSUV (that's quality-service-cleanliness-value in corporate lingo) restaurant's theme songs superbly sung by The Company. This, while video reels of McDonald's television commercials flashed—from the monkey doing the "M" sign with his arms to the "It's Mc Tonight!" jingles. The audience's hearts smiled to the nostalgia that enveloped the venue.

New jingle

This was heightened by the presence of Mc megastar Sharon Cuneta, who sang the new McDonald's jingle. The other half, Sen. Kiko Pangilinan, was also present. "It's the worst time to diet for me, no thanks to the Big Macs and fries," the lone female endorser of the restaurant (the male being Ronald himself) jokingly said. She told the audience, composed of McDonald's family and friends, about the "Gold Big Mac" card. George himself gave her a card, which entitles her to free Big Macs for the rest of her life.

"Think of it as a million pesos every pound

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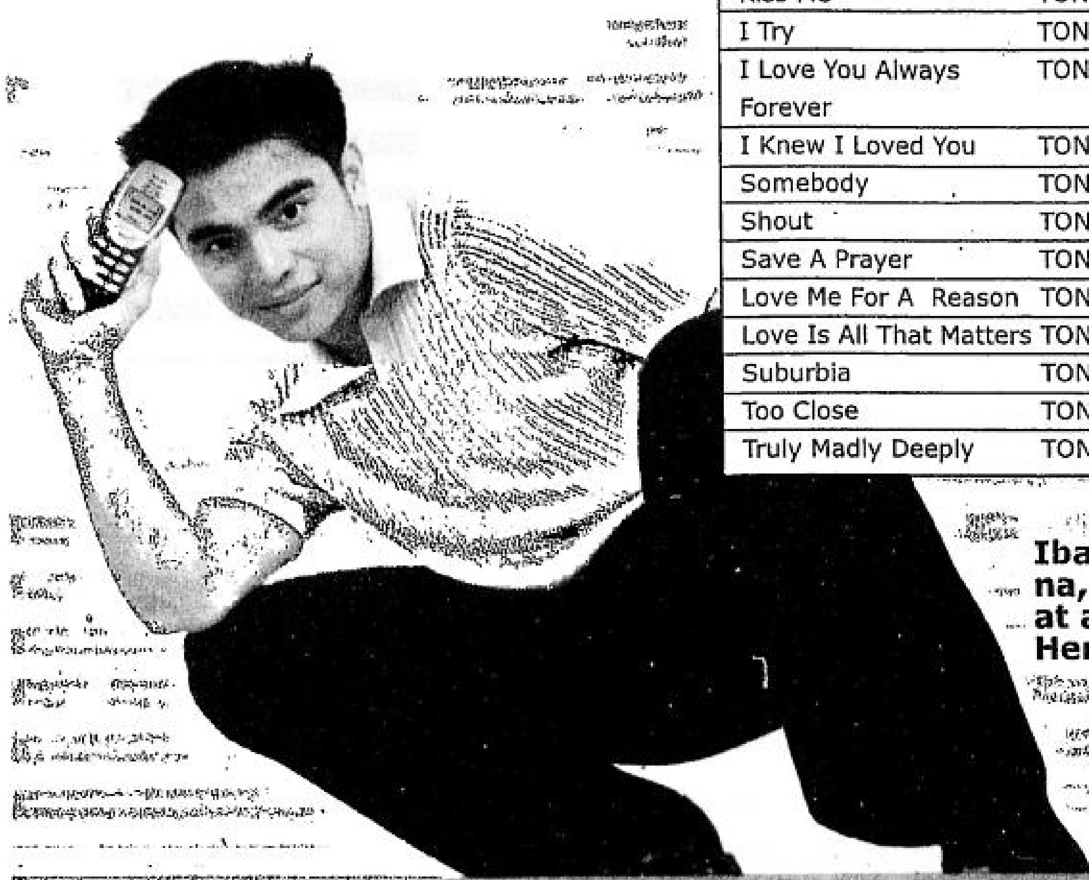
GLITTERING gems Cindy Yap-Yang and Ruthie Vera



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Dreaming Of You	TONE DRIMOFU
Breakout	TONE BRKOUT
Breakfast at Tiffany's	TONE TIFFANYS
Love Is All Around	TONE FOURWED
Kiss Me	TONE KISSME
I Try	TONE ITRY
I Love You Always Forever	TONE LUVULWYS
I Knew I Loved You	TONE IKNWLUVU
Somebody	TONE SUMBODY
Shout	TONE SHOUT
Save A Prayer	TONE SAVPRYR
Love Me For A Reason	TONE LUV4RISN
Love Is All That Matters	TONE LUVMATR
Suburbia	TONE SUBURB
Too Close	TONE 2CLOSE
Truly Madly Deeply	TONE TRULYMAD
You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling	TONE LOSTLOVN
Again	TONE AGAIN
Am I The Same Girl	TONE SAMEGIRL
Jump	TONE JUMP
Escapade	TONE ESCAPADE
Layla	TONE LAYLA
Always Something There	TONE SUMTINDER
All The Small Things	TONE SMALTING
Other Side	TONE ODERSYD

ROCK	
RINGTONE	**KEYWORD**
Black Dog	TONE BLACKDOG
All Star	TONE ALLSTAR
Someday	TONE SUMDAY
IRIS	TONE IRIS
Head Over Heels	TONE HEDOVRHIL
Strange Love	TONE STRNGELV
The Final Countdown	TONE FINALCNT
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Hotel California	TONE HOTELCALI
WholeLotta Love	TONE WHOLAATALUV
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Losing My Religion	TONE LOSINMY
Under the Influence	TONE INFLUENCE

PARTY	
RINGTONE	**KEYWORD**
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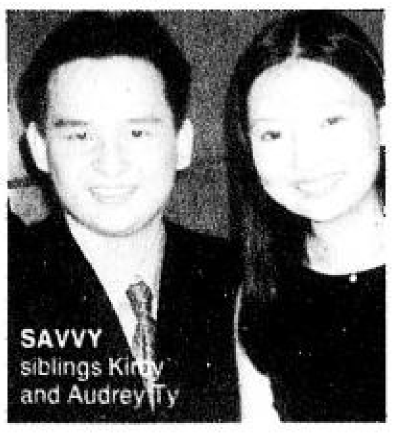

SAVVY siblings Kirby and Audrey Ty

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you lose," celebrity liposuction doctor Dr. Vicki Belo whispered. Weight-watching aside, McDonald's looks into the Philippine future. "We think the future is better than ever," said Joe S. Lau. "While there are so many distractions going on, McDonald's still believes in the Philippine market—it has a young population with a rich culture and warm hospitality. The growth potential is tremendous." This their foreign partners recommitted as they continue to invest and expand in the dear old land of Juan de la Cruz.

"We are out to make you smile," the Mc people reiterated.

Now, let's raise our arms to form an "M," order Big Mac and fries, and toast our champagne (or Coca-Cola, if you wish) glasses to that! Cheers to McDonald's babies like you and me.

SENSATIONAL Citibanker Michelle Yap

GOLDEN gal Sarah Lau

HOSTING the Mc festivities Cher Calvin

TAIPANS to be. Lance Gokongwei and Kenneth Yang

BIRTHDAY boy Jun Jun Cuazon

MARICHU Yap

SHINING LIKE A DIAMOND. Karat queen Kristine Yang

Corsets, David Duchovny's . . .

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jittery. Well, TNT gives you 10 ways to keep your cool and have fun in adverse times: 1. If someone tells you to do something, ask him if he wants fries with that. 2. Dress like **Tessa Valdes**. 3. Go to Emphasis salon and have a great massage and peppermint hot oil. 4. If you have kids, tell them that due to the bad economy, you are going to play "Survivor" and have to vote the least liked out of your home. 5. Go to a gallery opening, poetry reading or book launching, mingle with and tell the guests you can paint, recite and write better than the artists. Skip the ballet! 6. As much as we love him and will miss him as he and his family migrate to the US, don't listen to the music of **Ryan Cayabyab**; it will just make you want to leave the country as well. 7. If you're watching TV and you see lawyers **Sigfried Fortun** and **Rene Saguisag**, turn it off. You wouldn't want to have nightmares when you sleep. 8. Watch the movie "Evolution" and check out **David Duchovny**'s butt scene. 9. Watch all the gossip shows and hope **Annabelle Rama** is on the warpath again with someone. She'll make you forget your woes and keep you entertained. 10. Check your pulse rate—is it still beating? Then celebrate. That's a good sign you're still alive despite everything.

TNT Tidbits

CELL-PHONE users beware! In the US, they recently enacted a law penalizing people using their cell phones while driving. This followed supermodel **Niki Taylor**'s vehicular accident. The mishap happened when the driver of her car tried to pick up his phone while driving; the momentary distraction made him lose control of the car, which crashed into a tree. Taylor's injuries were serious. I wonder when this country would enact a similar law. I think it would be a great idea. Still, we don't know, what with the opportunistic police we have in this country who are more concerned with "*lagay*" rather than road safety.

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo Pendleton—The velvet mafia. This week our intrepid socialite and former Mare rhapsodizes about the joys of gay men:

"After all that I've been through over the past few months (and I think we are all feeling a little wrung out these days), I was just thrilled when some gay friends invited me to join them for a relaxing five-day jaunt to Chiang Mai. Now, when I say gay friends, you must not think these are the sort who help you with your hair or pick up pins at the local modiste shop. These are the absolute A-list of fags and traveling with them is an experience everyone should pray for. Trust me—these are über faggots! They're more stylish, refined, gracious, witty and well-traveled than anyone I know and they are hip, hip, hip. Just for the record, we were at the Regent in Chiang Mai whose room rates make the US dollar look like the Italian lira. You get my drift.

"Absolutely the velvet mafia. Not a hairdresser or dressmaker among them—they were all architects, decorators, bankers, lawyers (previously there were also the dotcom entrepreneurs, but that was until the bubble burst). I don't know what it is, but just as you see a trend emerging (particularly in Manila which is always about two years late), you remember you already saw them doing it. You name it, they did it first. Think about it. Who wore Prada first? Who were wearing Prada sport four years ago (for those not in the know—Prada sport is the one with the red stripe). Who were going to Bangkok 10 years ago? Who first discovered the Peninsula in Bangkok? Who have been listening to the Hotel Costes discs forever? For that matter, who discovered Jimmy Choo even before I did? I think you get the point. Exquisite everything.

"Now for a little secret. To top things off, my friends never pay full price for anything, if they can help it! Now, these 'discounts' they get (e.g. the 'friends of Miucca Prada' discount) are not available to the general public—one must know people. Call it a glamour discount.

"Another interesting thing is that they seem to have friends all over the world who are just like them. There must be a global velvet mafia consciousness. So much cross-pollination! Just as you read about 'The Producers' (the hit Broadway musical)—they've seen it.

"Every woman of style has these men around her. After all, tell me who your fags are and I'll tell you who you are. Think **Loi Ejercito** and **Paul Cabral**. Think **Nancy Reagan** and **Jerry Zipkin**. Worlds apart, I tell you. These friends of mine will make you wish you were a fag, too—or at least an über fag hag like me."

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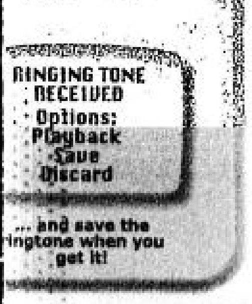

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Simpsons Theme	TONE SIMPSONS
Hawaii Five-O	TONE HAWAII
Dallas (TV Cue)	TONE DALLAS

MOVIE	
RINGTONE	**KEYWORD**
Dying Young	TONE DIEYOUNG
Duel Of The Fates	TONE EPISODE1
Godfather Theme	TONE GODFATHER
The Imperial March	TONE IMPERIAL
Under The Sea	TONE UNDERSEA
Addams Family Theme	TONE ADDAMS
Starwars 3 Theme	TONE STRWRS3
Rocky Theme	TONE ROCKY
I Say A Little Prayer	TONE SAYALIL
I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing	TONE MISATING
Animal Song	TONE ANIMAL
X Men Theme	TONE XMEN
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PRAISE	
RINGTONE	**KEYWORD**
Theres None Like You	TONE NONLIKEU
God Is the Strength of My Heart	TONE GODSTREN
Give Thanks	TONE GIVETKS
Under the Influence	TONE INFLUENCE
Victory Chant	TONE VICTORY

SUMMER	
RINGTONE	**KEYWORD**
Holiday	TONE HOLIDAY
Summer Nights from the movie Grease	TONE GREASE
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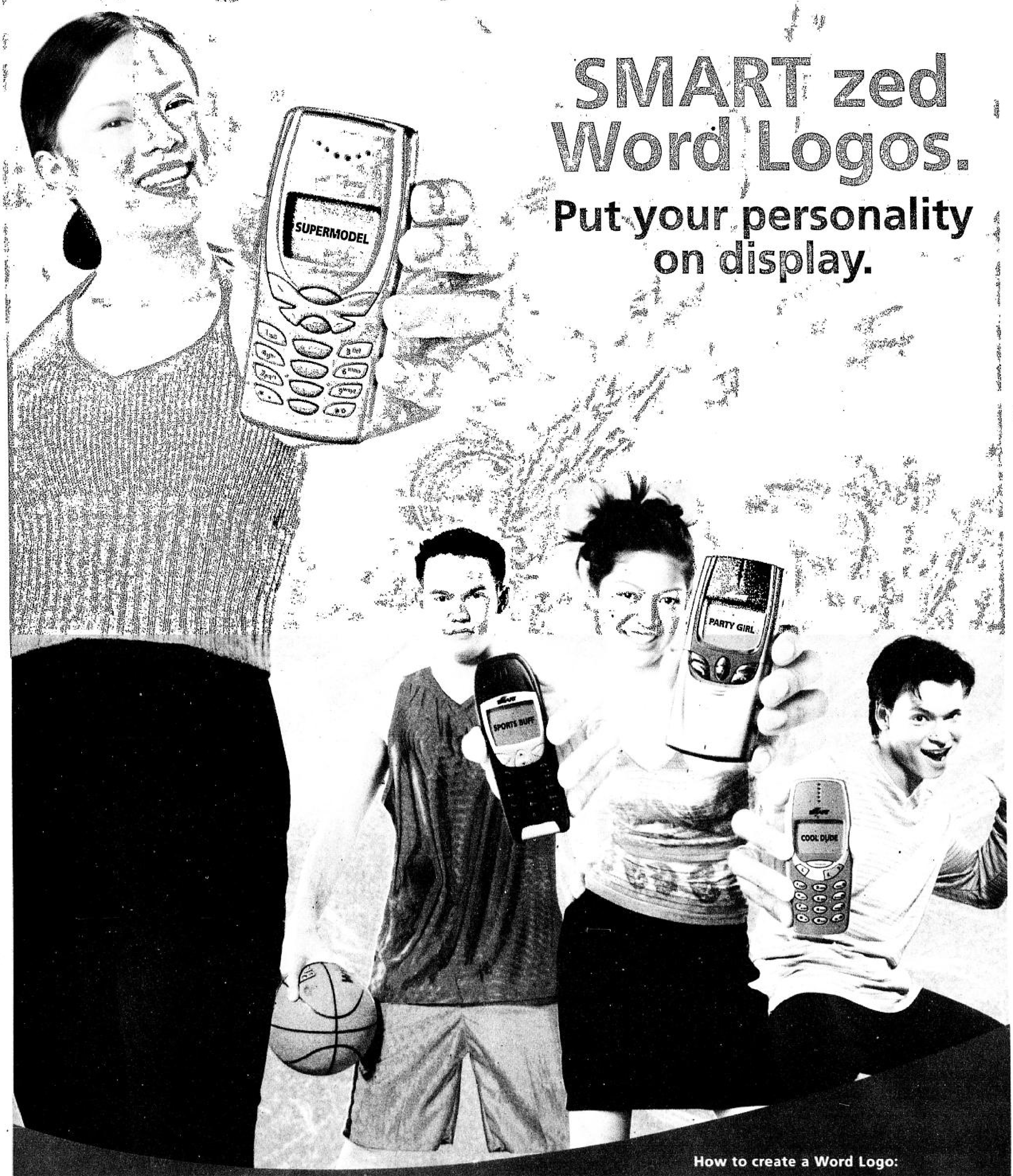

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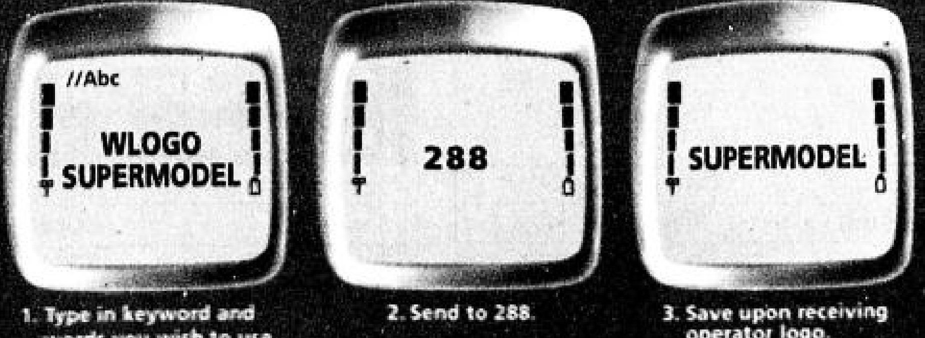

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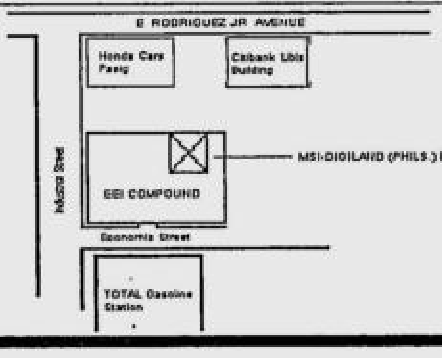

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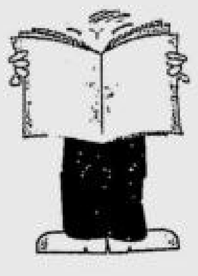

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- ✓ With mature judgment and ability to work with minimum supervision
- ✓ With excellent command of the English language, both written and oral
- ✓ With pleasing personality
- ✓ Honest, proactive, dynamic and goal-oriented
- ✓ MBA units an advantage
- ✓ Computer literate (Word, Excel and Powerpoint)
- ✓ **With at least two years of continuous driving experience and must possess a valid driver's license with restriction code 2**

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(Code: SE)

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- ✓ Graduate of BSChE, BSME, BSIE, preferably with MBA units or degree
- ✓ At least three (3) years experience in sales and marketing; knowledge in Semiconductor Industry is an advantage
- ✓ Computer literate (Word, Excel and Powerpoint)
- ✓ Must be results-oriented, flexible, self-motivated and must possess a strong sense of urgency and enthusiasm in his work
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Requirements:

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- ➢ Preparation of service work programs and work completion reports, and regular reporting to Alstom Philippines Technical Director.

Requirements:

- ➢ Bachelor's Degree in Marine or Mechanical Engineering or equivalent, with a minimum 10 years field service, erection and/or commissioning experience in boiler installations.
- ➢ Fluent in oral and written English.
- ➢ Adaptable and willing to travel or be posted overseas.

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The Job

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- ➢ Regular preparation of work programs and service reports to Alstom Philippines Technical Director.

Requirements:

- ➢ Bachelor's Degree in Electronics & Communications Engineering or its equivalent.
- ➢ Should possess a minimum of 5 years field service, erection and commissioning experience for hardware and software in Plant Control Systems.
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The Job

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- Male, not more than 30 years old at least 2nd year college

The Job

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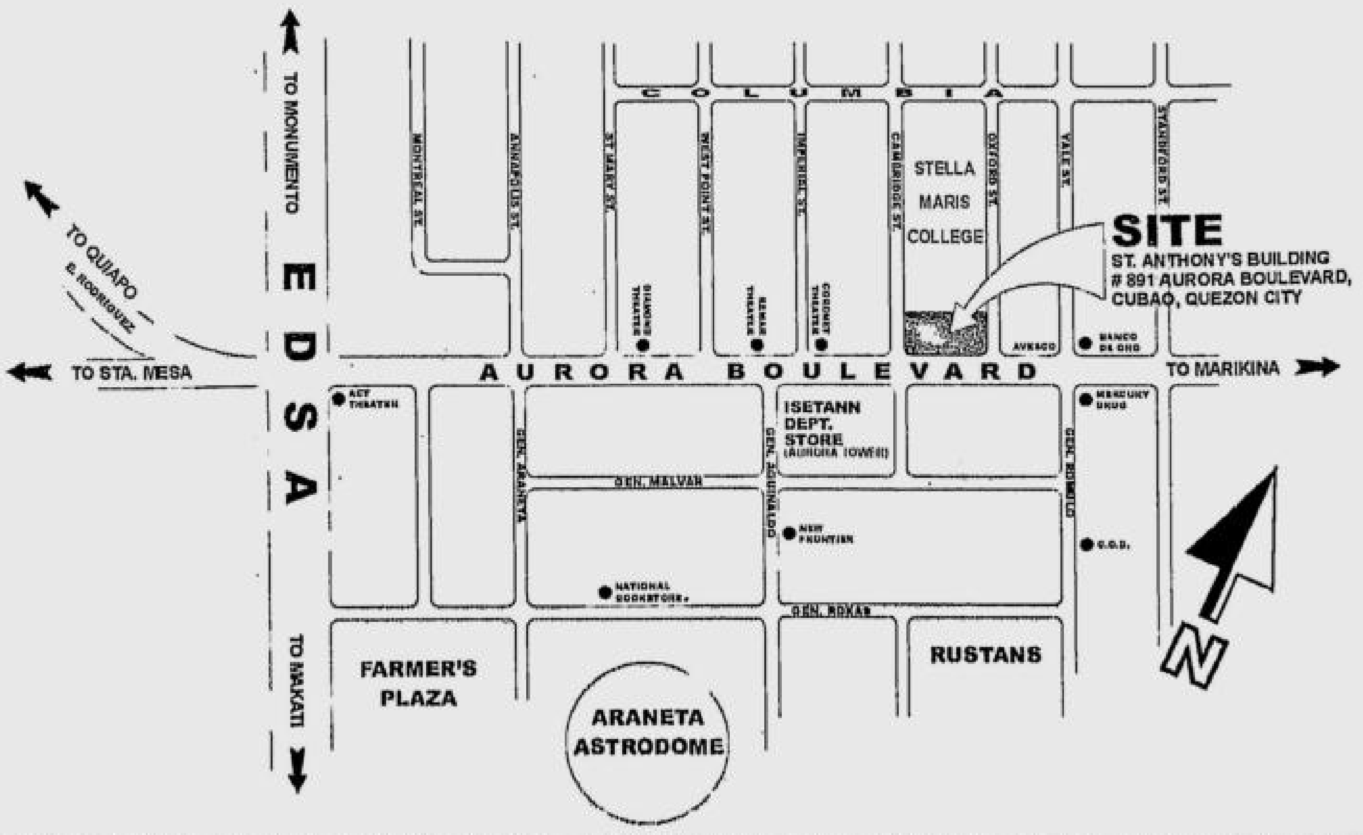

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The Human Resources Manager
THE LEATHER COLLECTION, INC.
#15 Don Mariano Lim Industrial Complex
Alabang Zapote – Rd. Las Piñas City
Fax No. 842-2204
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- ➢ Female, between 22 to 27 years old
- ➢ Graduate of any four-year course;
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- ➢ Computer literate
- ➢ Willing to work overtime

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- ➢ Graduate of B.S. Pharmacy, licensed
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- ➢ Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling
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- ➢ Good in oral communication skills

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- ➢ Graduate of any 4-year Business-related course
- ➢ At least 5'2" in height with pleasing personality and clear complexion
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- ➢ Male or female, gay, between 21 to 28 years old
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- ➢ Male, not over 35 years old
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- Fluency in oral and written English communication.
- Highly motivated, results-oriented and trustworthy.
- Good in planning, organizing, project handling and people management.
- Self-starter, honest, and with strong leadership skills.
- Willing to work long / irregular hours, frequently travel within the Philippines may be required.

BUSINESS ANALYSTS

- Male/Female; not more than 35 years old;
- Graduate of a business course, preferably Finance or Accounting from leading schools or universities;
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- Male/Female; between 23-30 years old; with pleasing personality.
- Marketing or Business Administration graduate of leading schools and universities.
- Fluent in oral and written English communication.
- Preferably with work experience in retailing or food chain operations or other service-oriented establishment.
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ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

- Male/Female; between 22-28 years old;
- College graduate from a reputable school;
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- Able to handle multi- functions

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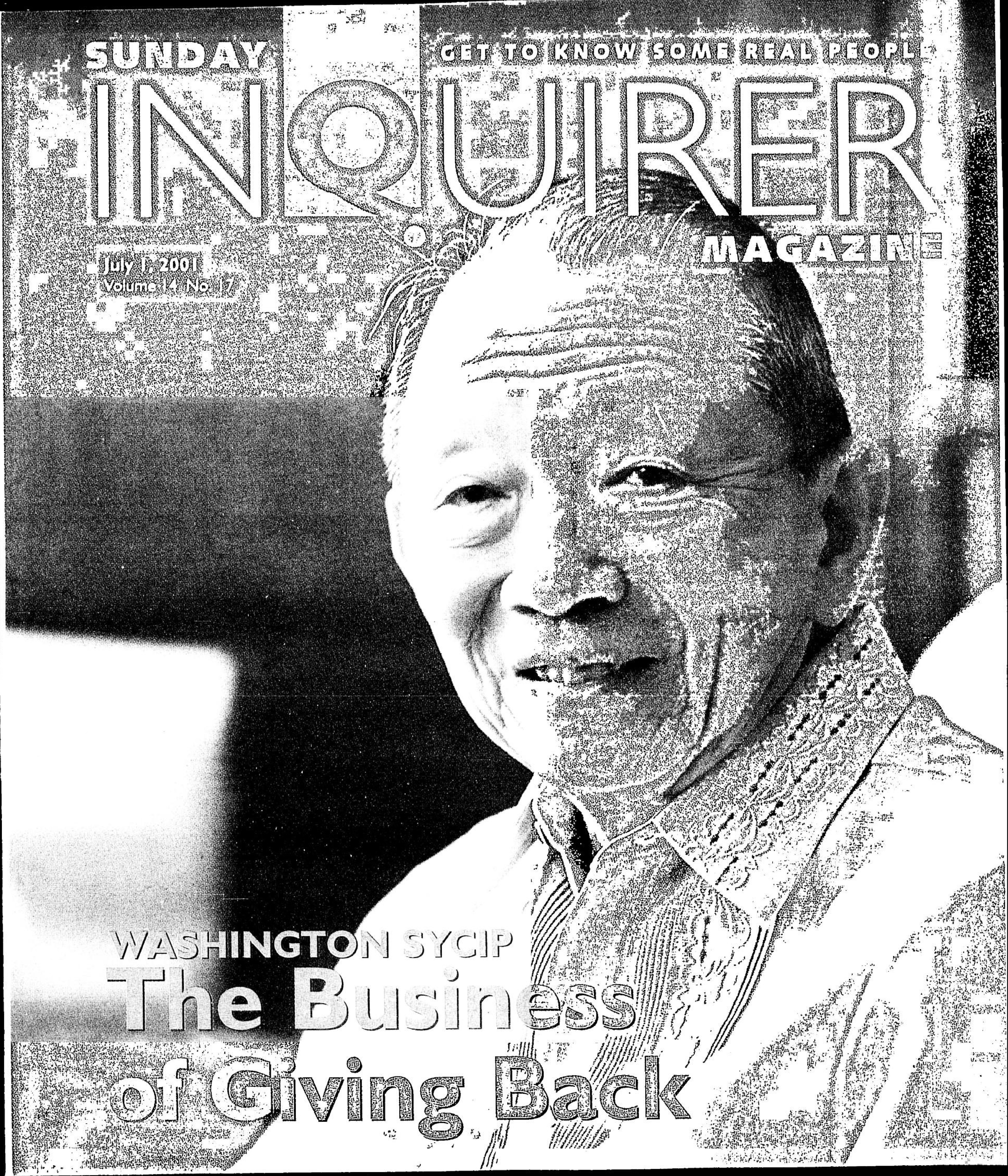

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The Business of Giving Back

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a thunder in whispering wind,
from the pattering on wet macadam road
to the billowing of stones,
the whiff of cutgrass
calling you—Mother

(whose womb-mirroring tides
has receded far deep down
where the ocean has sired us).

You swim with all the world's scents and senses,
drowning its weight in the whirlpool
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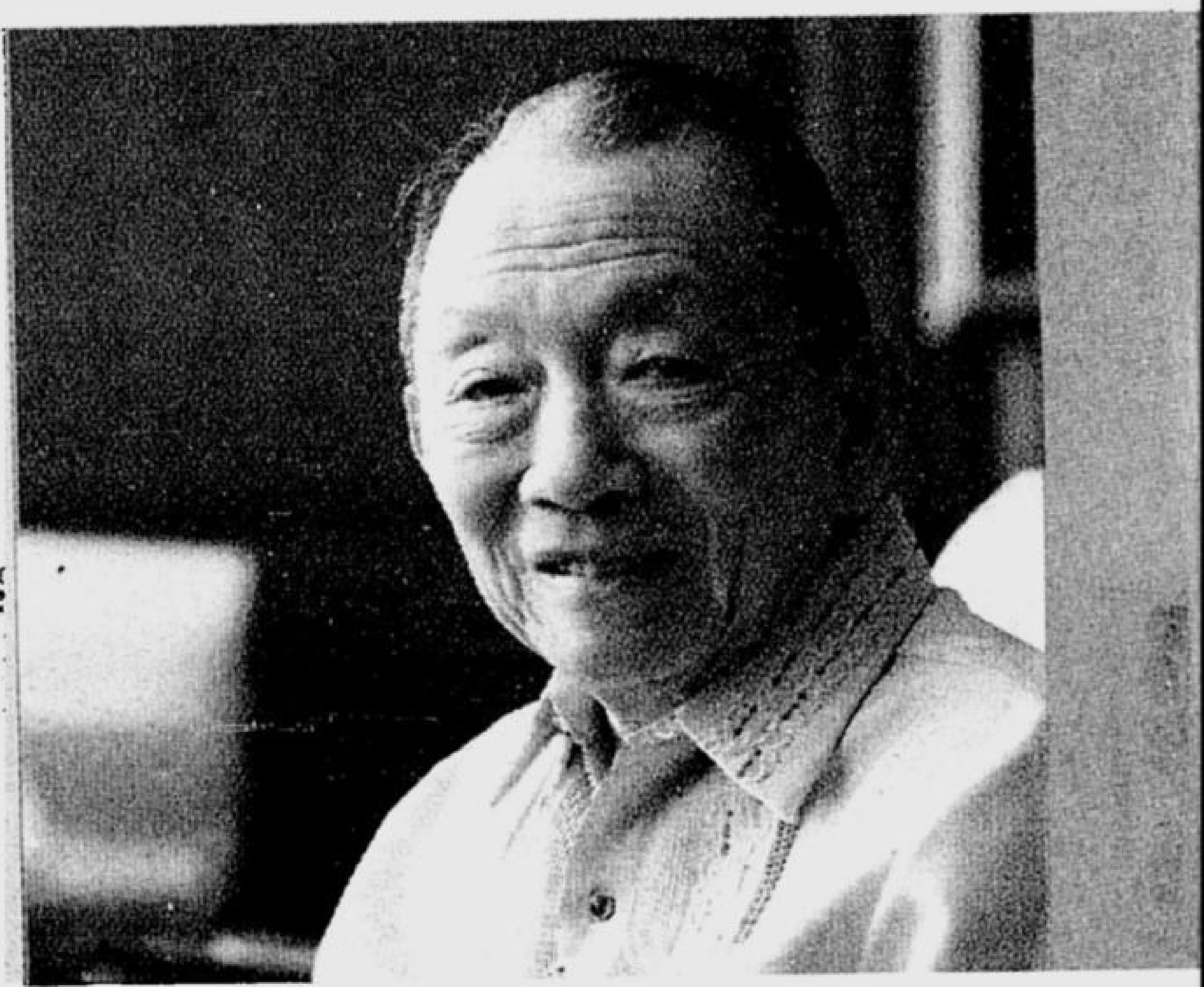

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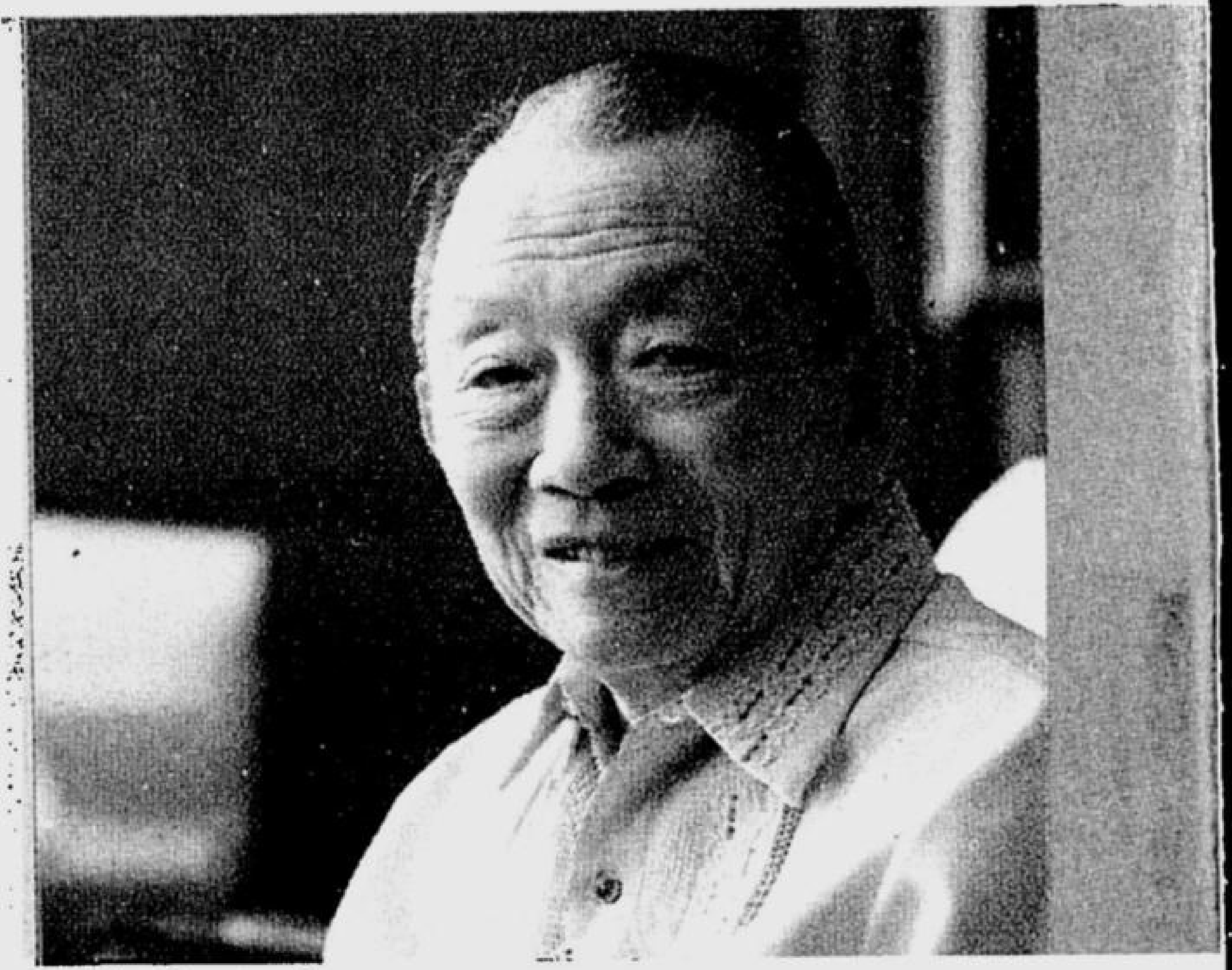

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Young Achievers

by Rodolfo A.G. Silvestre Jr.
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Outstanding graduate Kate Fernandez has a bright future ahead of her, but the accolades came only with hard work, discipline and a clear idea of what she wanted to accomplish

Lessons from a Model Student

KATHERINE ANNE VICTORIA DAYRIT FERNANDEZ DOESN'T TYPE FAST. "BUT I'LL TYPE THE WHOLE DAY AND I WON'T STOP UNTIL I FINISH WHAT I HAVE TO FINISH," SHE SAYS.

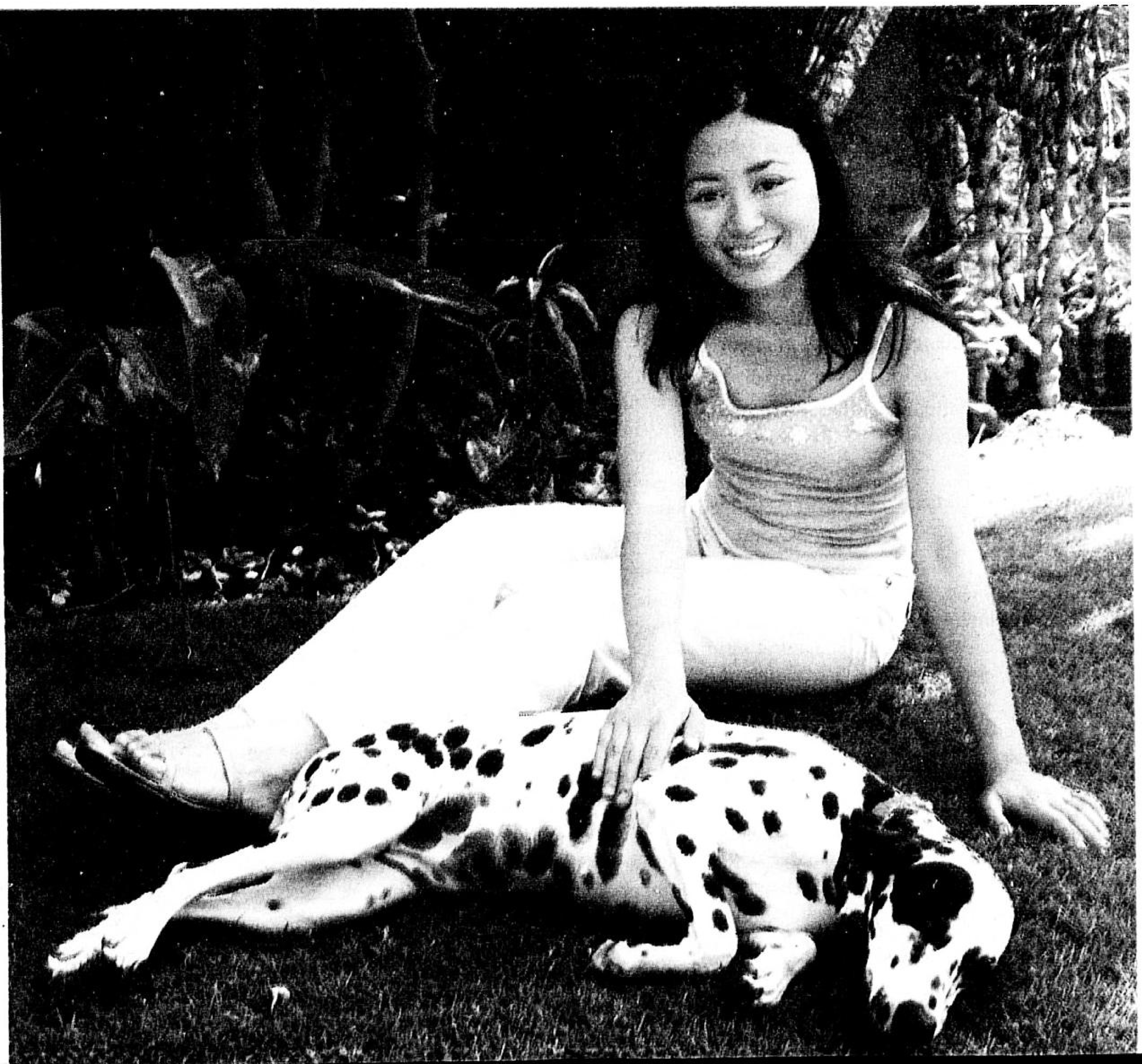
Her advice to college freshmen: "Be open to new experiences and insights every day. And learn to get along with all kinds of people"

TENACIOUS. OR DETERMINED. OR PERSISTENT. THESE WOULD BE THE WORDS TO BEST DESCRIBE KF, WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN DILIMAN. IN AN INSTITUTION WHERE HONOR GRADUATES ARE, WELL, A DIME A DOZEN, KF STOOD OUT. THREE HUNDRED QUALIFIED FOR CUM LAUDE HONORS AND 88 FOR MAGNA CUM LAUDE. OF THE THREE WHO MADE IT TO SUMMA CUM LAUDE, KF OBTAINED THE HIGHEST GRADE AVERAGE OF 1.117.

It's a different keyboard that KF has mastered. She finished Bachelor of Music, major in piano. If encoding a report for general education subjects like English or social science kept her glued to the computer for hours, practising her pieces was, of course, more demanding.

"Once, I had to stay at the piano for four hours in the dark. It was brownout, but I had to learn this new piece for a graded performance the next day."

For KF, who graduated valedictorian from the Philippine High School for the Arts in 1996, her accomplishment was no big deal. "I am not really that intelligent, " she says. "But it pays to know where you want to go. Honestly, right from the start, I aimed for honors in college. As a matter of fact, I had a specific picture of the kind of person that I wanted to become when I got out of UP. I pictured myself onstage with the UP president, looking into the crowd of graduates down below. I'd also picture myself performing beautifully on the piano."



How did she eventually do it? "As in anything, college life came one day, one exam, one semester at a time," she says.

A day was not exactly different from anyone else's. "Practise piano. Eat, sleep, brush teeth, take a bath. Watch television. *Telebabad*. Study. In any order. And taking catnaps, because I come from a family of irregular sleepers. My peak hours would be eight in the morning to 12 noon, and then nine in the evening to one in the morning.

"There wasn't anything special about my study habits," she asserts. "I just did what I had to do to finish a requirement. If that took me an hour, I'd concentrate for an hour. If it meant a sleepless night, I would stay up all night. I just had to visualize the outcome, get excited about it, and that's enough to keep me disciplined if I needed to be."

KF can afford to take it easy for a while

She claims not to be a stranger to discipline, since "serious musicians know this. They sweat it out for hours. My music training actually prepared me to do better work in my general education subjects."

And if she didn't like a subject, "*Kahit paano*, I tried to get interested in the study material on hand. So, even if a subject was not related to my course, I told myself that I could meet some people who were into that field, and then, at least, I would know what they were talking about."

KF would psyche herself up to enjoy all her classes, to expect to learn new things, "and to meet new friends. And before enrollment, I'd pray that I'd get good teachers."

Some teachers turned out to be more than just teachers. She mentions the likes of her Italian language professor Daisy Lopez, Humanities professor Lydia Arcellana, Communication professors Flor Lacanilao and Carmencita del Villar, and Natural Science professor Jun Obille, among those "who were more than teachers, who showed they really cared. They invited us to their private offices or sometimes, even to their homes."

Truly dear to her was her piano professor Carmencita Arambulo, who had been her mentor in Makiling. She recalls that in choosing her course, "I prayed that if Prof. Arambulo told me that I was good enough to take piano in college, that would be the clear sign that music would be the next best step for me. The very next week, while I was taking lessons under her, she told me that I was good enough for the UP College of Music."

There was no turning back for the pedagogue and her protégé. "She has been my number one motivator. It was she who told me that I could attain summa cum laude standing. Interestingly, she was guru to three out of six summa cum laude graduates of the UP College of Music." Among Arambulo's past students were Ryan Cayabyab, Rowena Arrieta and Louie Ocampo.

On the downside, she admits to having had difficult times "under teachers who talked only to themselves, or who did not give us their clear expectations of what we were supposed to learn in their subjects. The worst were teachers who gave us ridiculous requirements, including one who made us attend a celebration at the Barasoain Church in Bulacan. The instructions were for us to go there and perform. When we reached the place, we found out we weren't part of the program at all. And our teacher wasn't even there."

And then, she had her share of failures, too. One time she joined a competition for which she didn't have enough practice. "The night before, I had to finish this term paper, and made all these obvious mistakes."

But consolation came from everywhere, like her family. "During the tough times, I'd cry to my dad and mom over the phone."

Alberto Fernandez, a pastor and a businessman, and his wife, the former Gina Dayrit, have never been stage parents to KF. "They just did all the loving. They never pressured me to excel, but all those years of growing up, they gave me opportunities to discover and develop my interests," she says. Her brother Mishael, an Ateneo Environmental Science student, has been an occasional tutor in the natural sciences. Micah, the youngest in the family who's taking up computer science in La Salle, has been most helpful "when it comes to things that have to do with high-tech."

Most of her college life, KF stayed with her grandparents on her mother's side, Dr. Conrado Dayrit, the famous cardiologist known as the father of clinical pharmacology in the Philippines, and Milagros Millar Dayrit.

KF descends from a distinguished lineage. Her maternal uncle has been appointed Secretary of Health by Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. On her father's side, her grandfather was the late Vicente Fernandez, who was both a lawyer and musician, and eldest brother of former Central Bank Governor Jobo Fernandez. Her grandmother, Lourdes Javellana Fernandez, started dancing ballet in her 40s, and well into her 70s. Recently, she gifted her granddaughter with a three-week vacation in Europe.

KF says travelling has been a great source of education for her. Along with fellow Makiling alumni Jay Gomez, a flute major from UP, and other young musicians, she attended the 13th Suzuki World Convention in Tokyo. Outreach performances have also brought her to Cebu, Mindoro and Brunei, among other places.

Closer to home, she treasures two performances when she was a volunteer of the UP Pahinungod, the UP outreach program. Once, she and Jay performed in a birthday celebration for a child cancer patient at the AFP Medical Center. Another time, she played for the inmates of the QC City jail where "I learned about gangs, their dismal conditions and their family and social problems."

To KF, what is great about UP is that "it offers you a choice. It doesn't choose for you how you should think, or whom you should associate with." Such an environment can be easily daunting to some. "A lot of kids there feel lost because they don't know themselves enough. Not to worry, though, since getting an education should get you to know yourself better."

As advice to incoming freshmen, "No matter what college or university you're entering, be open to new experiences and new insights everyday. *Pati sa pagsakay ng* jeep, *mayroon kang matututunan tungkol sa buhay*. (Even riding a jeepney can teach you something about life.) And then, learn to get along with all kinds of people. The more you understand people, the more you'll be able to meet their needs and the more you will love one another."

Where one's study habits are concerned, the model student says "there's no clear-cut all-purpose formula, especially because different people learn in different ways. But it really pays to get interested in the subject matter."

To those who would follow her path, all the way to being inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and all that, KF reiterates that "different approaches work for different people. But always see the big picture: Set long-term goals and make up your mind to achieve them."

Being a good student takes work, however. "For anything worthwhile in life, there are trade-offs. Don't watch too many movies. And don't go to Malate too often."

Picnic for Mother Earth

The Concerned Artists of the Philippines mark World Environment Day with a party to save the Mehan Garden

WHO SAYS A REVOLUTION CAN'T BE A PICNIC? NOT THE CONCERNED ARTISTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, WHO SPICED UP THEIR PUBLIC FEAST WITH SONGS, CHORAL MUSIC AND DANCES AT THE ARROCEROS FOREST PARK ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY LAST JUNE 5.

The occasion gathered artists, conservationists and environmentalists who serenaded Manila Mayor Lito Atienza in a bid to save the Mehan Garden. The mayor plans to level the historic place, Manila's first zoological and botanical garden, to give way to the construction of the new City College of Manila. A petition letter against the move with a signature sheet aimed at generating 10,000 signatures was also circulated.

Organized with the support of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the picnic was attended by National Artists Lucio San Pedro, F. Sionil Jose and Lucrecia Kasilag, who chairs Artists for the Environment, and featured performances by the Bayanihan Dance Troupe, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Andres Bonifacio Concert Chorus, Philippine Music ensemble Kasarinlan, Three Baritones Elmo Makil, Gamaliel Viray and Emmanuel Gregorio, and noted soprano Josephine Roces. Picnickers also listened to readings by writers Jose, Leonor Orosa Goquinco, Alejandro Roces, Nick Joaquin and Gilda Cordero Fernando, and marveled at the artworks of sculptor Agnes Arellano. Columnists Conrad de Quiros, Randy David and John Silva and former vice mayor Charito Planas also attended the picnic.

The Mehan Garden located between the Metropolitan Theater and the Manila City Hall is an important archaeological site dating back to the 17th century. Known as the historic Parian of old Manila and the former Jardin Botanico of the Spanish colonial period, it is one of the remaining greens in the choked Plaza Lawton area. To date, groundbreaking and bulldozing has begun, raising the spectre of another cultural loss to the country.

Mourns Augusto Villalon of the Heritage Conservation Society: "Open spaces like the Mehan Garden will soon be gone because of the lack of a comprehensive legal framework that protects registered heritage sites and cultural landscapes. The Jai Alai issue proved that without any legal framework, there is no way to protect our national patrimony." The Heritage Conservation Society is leading a lobby for Congress to pass a landmark law to preserve our cultural landscape.

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Sculptor Agnes Arellano's paean to Mother Earth (left); National Artist Lucresia Kasilag and actor Roy Alvarez link hands to save Mehan Garden

Ethnic dances and rituals mark the public feast

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For A Cause

by Joy Rojas

Polio could have been a crippling experience for Laling Lim. Instead, this lady improves the quality of life among the handicapped through user-friendly devices from a shop called Total Loving Care

Enabled, Not Disabled

IN A GRAND ENTRANCE THAT MAKES HEADS TURN, LALING HIDALGO LIM CRUISES TO HER LUNCH APPOINTMENT IN A TWINSET LONG DRESS AND SWEATER, PEARLS STREAMING DOWN HER NECK, A STYLISH BAGUETTE CLUTCH, AND HER MOST NOTICEABLE ACCESSORY, A RED RALLY SCOOTER. AS ALWAYS, HER APPEARANCE COMMANDS MUCH ATTENTION: ONLOOKERS ARE AWED AT HER COMPACT, ELECTRIC VEHICLE, WHILE FRIENDS ARE ONLY TOO GLAD TO SEE THE LADY LOVED BY MANY FOR HER HEARTY LAUGH AND POSITIVE DISPOSITION. WHAT ESCAPES ALL EYES IS THE FACT THAT LALING LIM HAS POLIO.

Stricken with the disease when she was only 13 months old, and subject to a series of muscle transplant operations on her legs until she was 12, Laling lived what she describes as "a relatively normal-abnormal life. You learn how to live with what life deals you. And you never miss what you never had." The daughter of first Filipino West Point graduate Gen. Vicente Lim and Girl Scouts of the Philippines founder Patricia Hidalgo Lim, Laling was raised the same way as her siblings. With the aid of leg braces and crutches, she washed dishes and cleaned house like everyone else, and was virtually unbeatable in hopscotch and jacks at school.

No slouch on the job either, Laling served as Mondragon International Philippines' Executive Vice President of Marketing from 1971 to 1991, and was President and General Manager of Global Teleprocessing Services, Inc.'s Philippine office until she retired from the corporate scene in 1997. Certainly not one to sit still, she is also an accomplished writer whose essays are included in the anthologies "Shaking The Family Tree" and "Why I Travel."

"Everybody is handicapped in some way or another," declares Laling. "Finding a normal person is close to impossible. You could have allergies, aches and pains, or a problem with your eyes. But people take their illness a little differently, and I guess I was always a fighter." Not to mention fiercely independent, a trait which was temporarily hampered several years ago when the onset of the polio syndrome weakened her. "It irritates me when I can't do anything for myself," she confesses. Thus, when Laling chanced upon a scooter for the physically-challenged while she was in the States during the 1980s, she knew she had to have it. "Walking was becoming more and more difficult for me. But what was really worse was I couldn't go shopping!" she exclaims with a laugh. "So when I got the scooter, wow, I was really going places!"

Randy Hornillosa

Lim and some of TLC's gadgets that improve one's quality of life, temperament and self-esteem

Giving others like her the same high led to her latest venture, Total Loving Care (TLC). Located at the corner of Leon Guinto Street and President Quirino Avenue, and right next to another family business, the restaurant Lolo Dad's, TLC doesn't sell crutches, slings, or other traditional medical equipment. Laling likes to call them "lifestyle solutions"—user-friendly devices specifically designed for the disabled and senior citizens. The Rally is one such lifestyle solution, as are titanium ramps, sticks to help you dress yourself and reach for things, and wheelchairs with motorized tracks to transport you up and down a flight of stairs.

Is the toilet bowl built too low for you? Then get a Sitting Pretty seat raiser. Can't read the functions of your remote control? Replace it with TLC's oversized version. And when your hearing aid picks up everything else but the voice of the person you're speaking with, the shop sells one which eliminates unwanted noise. Of course, the most attractive items are those which don't look anything like facilities for the physically-challenged. TLC's LaZy Boy (which goes as far as easing a sitter out of the armchair) is decked in plush fabric, making it a handsome addition to any home. Of Laling's slew of magnifying glasses, the coolest is the eye aid that's fashioned like a funky necklace. And a cuddly Teddy Bear becomes the ultimate bedmate for the ill after being popped into the microwave oven for a few minutes. Behold, a hot compress that emits a soothing aromatherapeutic scent!

More than improving one's quality of life, these gadgets greatly improve one's temperament and self-esteem as well. "Care-givers tend to baby their patients," she observes. "But if you give patients the facility to be independent, plus a sense of well-being and not of helplessness, then pretty soon they'll know that they can do things for themselves." Developing a dependence on the facility, however, is not the objective of TLC. "Well, if you really want to be perfectly handicapped, you can do it," smiles Laling, who continues to attend sessions with her physiotherapist. "Because even if you provide someone with facilities that promise a much better life, you also have to urge him to do things that are good for him. Like, I don't enjoy exercise, but I do it because I need it!"

Sourced from all over the world, including a specialty shop in Napa Valley called Total Loving Care, TLC's wares may cost an arm and a leg, "but they're affordable to your needs," Laling emphasizes. "And nothing is too expensive if you need it. How much do you want to spend to make your life a lot better?" Former Cultural Center of the Philippines President Lucrecia Kasilag dished out dollars to get an electric motovator scooter from TLC, as did newsman Art Borjal, whose crutches left him with calluses on his palms. "When he was using crutches, he was always afraid of slipping on wet floors," informs Laling. "Now he's not scared anymore. [The scooter] has made life much easier for him."

In much the same way, wit, self-confidence, and a light-hearted frame of mind have made life much better for Laling Lim. "Everyone's always tip-toeing around a handicapped person," she notes, "but if you want to ask them about their condition, ask it! They're usually dying to answer anyway! In life, it's attitude that makes a big difference."

Movers and Shakers
by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

After life underground, on the run and behind bars as a political detainee, this respected leader of the Left and Bayan Muna president finds himself drafted into public office as the torch bearer of new politics

Satur Ocampo Goes to Congress

THEY HAD SAVED LONG AND HARD TO HAVE THEIR COLLAPSING TERMITE-INFESTED FAMILY HOUSE REPAIRED, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE TO WAIT NOW THAT HE'S WON A SEAT IN CONGRESS AS PARTY LIST REPRESENTATIVE, RUES SATUR OCAMPO, BAYAN MUNA PRESIDENT AND FIRST NOMINEE. "MY SIBLINGS ARE WORRIED THAT PEOPLE WOULD SPECULATE ABOUT OUR SOURCE OF FUNDS, OR THINK THAT I'M SUDDENLY RAKING IT IN LIKE MOST POLITICIANS," ADDS THE FORMER SPOKESMAN OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

"My political advisers have cautioned me that it is illusory to introduce radical change. The key is to blend in without being coopted"

The conventions of traditional politics has started nipping at his heels, Ocampo admits, recalling the first time news broke about Bayan Muna cornering at least 12 percent of the party list votes and getting three seats in Congress. "People who flocked to my neighbor (Quezon City councilor) Bingbong Crisologo's door for job recommendations, medicine money and other dole-outs trooped to my house afterwards, thinking I could do the same for them. I had to turn them away." Seasoned politicians whom he hardly knew suddenly declared themselves his best friends, he adds, while a suspicious van or two has started tailing his motley group so that friends had to hastily assemble a security detail for him.

But Ocampo, who describes himself as a reluctant politician, has resigned himself to his new role. "*Nandyan na iyan, eh,*" he says almost glumly. It is, he says, a natural consequence of his high-profile projection as a peace talks negotiator after EDSA 1. Like that previous posting, he views his congressional post as "just another political task to be performed the best I can."

Wife Bobbie Malay, herself an activist and former political detainee, is as lukewarm to the idea. "I know that this win means that people are looking for an alternative and are ready to support new politics: good governance, transparency, accountability in public office, democratic choice, and so on. *Yakap na yakap ko yung* principles. But I have deep reservations about traditional politics which is very much in place. People's expectations are still anchored on the old systems and structures of patronage politics and they have yet to transcend individual interests for that of the country." Although his party list nomination has stirred family debates, Ocampo, says Malay, will have the "family's support and critical collaboration." But she won't be personally involved in his career, she adds. "I have no material interests in the privileges of his office."

He will definitely insulate his family from the intrusions of public office, Ocampo says as if to reassure her. "I won't allow political callers at home. All business matters will be dealt with at the Bayan Muna office." But he'd probably have to junk his favorite outfit of *maong* and loose shirts, while Bobbie would have to don a *terno* for the State of the Nation address, Ocampo says in jest as Malay recoils in horror.

More than the outside trappings of his post, Ocampo considers people's expectations of his new role as the bigger challenge. "It's important to bring out the standpoint of the masses and to introduce significant substance in the congressional debate on issues of poverty and governance," he says. "But as my political advisers, including former Senator Bobby Tañada, caution me, it is illusory to introduce radical changes. I could risk isolation if I insist on being right all the time." The key, he has been told, is "to blend in without being coopted."

Already, he and fellow Bayan Muna nominees and representatives Crispin Beltran of the Kilusang Mayo Uno and Lisa Maza of Gabriela have discussed ways of playing along without compromising their stand. "We've decided that we will accept normal congressional allocations and legitimate funds but will be transparent in disbursing them," says Ocampo. The problem, he says, is that the countryside development fund allotted to party list representatives is only as much as those given to district representatives. "Our constituents are nationwide but we have to make do with a fund limited to the needs of a small district," he adds. Aside from pooling their resources, the Bayan Muna representatives "will study ways of balancing material benefits for the people with meaningful legislation while maintaining their role as watchdog for the masses," says Ocampo. Already, such resolve is being tested. The wrangling over the post of House speaker has them carefully treading the minefield of politics, reveals Ocampo. Supporting the winning candidate means being given committees to chair, an important consideration if Beltran is to fully represent the interests of workers, Maza those of women and youth and Ocampo those of peasants, the urban poor and other marginalized sectors.

"Bayan Muna's resounding win can only mean that people are ready for issue-oriented politics and that the Left has become an important protagonist in mainstream politics," says Ocampo who is bent on pushing the party's 10-point legislative agenda in this year's Congress. That agenda includes protecting national patrimony against foreign domination and control, as in World Trade Organization policies; integrated programs of genuine land reform, national industrialization and the protection of the environment; upholding human rights and seeking

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Preparing for his new role: "People are really for issue-oriented politics"

Roger Carpio

Cover Story

by Alya B. Honasan

As the country's premiere auditing firm marks a milestone and honors him on his 80th birthday, SGV & Co. founder and esteemed business leader Washington SyCip shares his thoughts on economics, politics, education and every Filipino's duty to give back to the land of his birth.

To Bridge the Gap

WASHINGTON SYCIP IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS E-MAIL. AT A SPRIGHTLY 80 YEARS OF AGE (HE MARKED THE MILESTONE LAST JUNE 30), WITH TWINKLING EYES AND A MIND SHARP ENOUGH TO PUT INFERIOR ONES HALF HIS AGE TO SHAME, THE RETIRED FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF SYCIP, GORRES, VELAYO (SGV) & CO. WAS IN HIS OFFICE AT 7 A.M. ON THE DAY OF THIS INTERVIEW TO CATCH UP ON HIS ELECTRONIC PAPERWORK. HE USUALLY HAS TO, HE EXPLAINS, WHEN HE'S IN TOWN. HE MAY HAVE RETIRED AS CHAIRMAN IN 1996, BUT SINCE THEN SYCIP HAS BEEN ASKED TO SIT ON THE BOARD OF SEVERAL OF THE COMPANY'S CLIENTS. AND WHEN YOU'RE THE COUNTRY'S PREMIERE GROUP OF AUDITORS AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS WITH OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT EAST ASIA, THOSE BOARD MEETINGS CAN HAVE YOU CONSTANTLY ON THE ROAD; SYCIP WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON 24 TRIPS FOR 144 DAYS LAST YEAR. "I MAY HAVE RETIRED FROM THE FIRM, BUT I DIDN'T RETIRE FROM WORK."

In the last few weeks, however, his attention was focused on the firm he founded in 1946, which marked its 55th anniversary last June 22. SGV & Co. also chose the occasion to honor SyCip for his birthday. SyCip is quick to point out that the company has been ably managed by partners in the last few years. "The only thing I would be concerned about was succession. I would ask every new managing partner: If you are run over a six-by-six truck, the next day, who will step in your shoes? That's your responsibility. In a professional firm like ours, human resources are our only asset."

At the time the firm was founded, first as W. Sycip and Company, foreign companies dominated the practice of accounting in this country, SyCip recalls. "They were pre-war firms with the ridiculous policy of not having someone from this country run the company. As for local firms, they were kept in the family. In both cases, you have discrimination by color of skin or blood."

SyCip, "Wash" to friends, is unanimously credited with professionalizing the industry in the Philippines by turning it into "a complete meritocracy," as he describes it. " I made it a point to ask my children to start out on their own rather than come here. I wanted to make sure nobody would think I was building the practice of having another SyCip waiting to take over." Today, he considers this professionalization the greatest accomplishment of SGV. "We developed the Filipino profession of accounting, not just here but for work abroad, and many of the other firms here are headed by SGV alumni. You get a lot of satisfaction when you meet company EVPs and they say they got their training from us."

Training was something SyCip and his siblings received much of at the hands of his father, respected lawyer and banker Albino SyCip. Achievement seems to run in the family; "He was going to study medicine," SyCip says of his father with a chuckle, "but he saw a cadaver and said, 'That's not for me,' so he went into law school." Their father was a spartan man, he recalls. "When other kids would have birthday parties with ice cream and all, in our case he would just let us know he deposited so much in our savings accounts. Of course, at that age, you wanted the ice cream, but now you look back and you realize what a sound decision it was."

Albino SyCip also did something which his son wanted to continue, but could not. "At that time, the children of a Chinese banker went to ethnic Chinese or top private schools. But my father said, 'You're going to live in this country, so you're going to public schools.' He wouldn't even let us ride in a car to get to school, because our average classmate didn't have a car and we would be *pasikat*."

Thus the SyCip children walked or took the trolley buses to the Burgos Elementary School and later, the V. Mapa High School. "At that time, a graduate of Mapa could compete with graduates of La Salle or Ateneo. Unfortunately our public schooling has deteriorated. If I had sent my children to public schools, they would not have been able to compete." SyCip went on to study commerce and graduate summa cum laude from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), and to earn his master's degree at Columbia University in New York.

The problem of education is one which SyCip, a 1992 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for International Understanding, is perpetually trying to help solve. In his view, the reasons for the deterioration are clear. "The upper income group is not paying the proper income tax, and there is no effective family planning, so the population has jumped up so much so that more and more money has to be raised to subsidize education. It would help faster growth if we had more unity of purpose, and that often means sacrificing the interest of the upper income group in favor of the lower income group. But then, the legislative process is controlled by the upper income group, so that's not going to happen."

Although SyCip is the first to admit that politics is not his field of expertise, his economic stature has undoubtedly lent him more than his desired share of political clout. When he and fellow business leaders including Vicente Paterno and Jaime Zobel de Ayala quit former president Joseph Estrada's economic advisory board last year, it was viewed as a withdrawal of support by the Philippine business community. "The people Erap had asked were all quite respected, and we felt it was our responsibility and duty to

Romy Hornillada

SyCip at his desk in the 1950s; far right, Washington, David and Alex SyCip with their father, banker Albino SyCip (second from right)

help out," he recalls of how the group was formed. "Of course, when all these things started coming out, it was really his private life that created a problem. The advice needed by the administration at that point was no longer economic but political. But we did realize that if we resigned, it would have some effect on the thinking of many people."

He has always been optimistic about the country, but SyCip has no illusions about the need for deep-seated reforms. "I think we have a lot of problems, and to solve those problems our political processes, our thinking and our structure have to be changed. Unfortunately, I started this practice long before you were born, and I saw then that we were ahead of the other countries in Asia. My question is, why did we gradually fall behind? I think we used the wrong model, which has always been the US. The economic setting is completely different, and I am firmly of the belief that what a country does politically should depend on the stage of its economic development. If you have so much freedom from the beginning, it's hard to get unity in terms of economic drive."

Thus, a limping economy will give you a political system that's wanting. "Democracy assumes that everyone has a right to vote and will exercise that right independently and intelligently, and that you won't sell your vote. If you do, it's not a democracy, but the democracy of the people with the money to buy your vote." SyCip's extensive travels and close association with political and economic leaders all over the world – the week before this interview, he had breakfast with reelected British Prime Minister Tony Blair – have confirmed his observations. "All the other developing countries I have seen had a lot of economic freedom at the beginning, but not political freedom. The latter came only after they reached a certain income level. We have to review the whole process. Of our last four presidents, we had to get rid of two by means that are not normal, which means we made the wrong choice. A developed nation can afford the same mistakes. Tokyo and Osaka, for example, once voted in a comedian and a radio announcer as mayors, and they were completely unsuccessful. But in our case, can we afford these mistakes?"

Does this mean then that the Filipino is not ready to handle democracy? "We may have a premature democracy," SyCip offers. "We have to see what the purpose of government is. The upper group does not need any assistance; they can survive in any society. It's the bottom group that has to be brought up so that their standard of living can improve. When I'm ever faced with a situation where I can no longer get domestic helpers here, that will be good, because that means they now have their own lives and jobs, and the country is doing well. Singapore, for example, has to get its domestic helpers from here."

A main solution, SyCip believes, is in taxation – a stance which, he admits, may make him unpopular with many of his friends in his very own socio-economic class. "But then again, when you're my age, you don't mind people calling you an SOB anymore," he laughs. How can we more effectively collect taxes when it's clear that the upper income group is not paying their proper share? SyCip bristles at a friend's story about a wealthy doctor who was bragging about how he was able to get away with declaring so little on his tax form. "To my mind, we have to tax when money is spent, since we are rather conspicuous consumers. I would tax heavily property and real estate, I would tax heavily the evidence of wealth – put a graduated tax on real estate, jewelry, cars, country clubs. We should tax *queridas*, but that would be hard to find out and collect!" SyCip adds with a chuckle. "You see, I've studied the expenditure patterns of many of my friends."

Also to be taxed: travel, sending children to study abroad. "It's ironic that the upper income groups are the ones who can buy property abroad, while the lower income groups are the ones who become OCWs and send money back into the country." He is happy that Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has declared poverty a top priority. "She has an excellent opportunity to do something about it. We have a nation of extremes, rich and poor. We have to narrow the gap."

Does that mean that the Pinoy should forget about globalization until he cleans up his backyard? "In many cases, I don't agree with globalization, but I think we have to live with it. But we have to advocate further globalization in terms of movement of people. Developed countries want freedom of movement of capital, of communications, of investments, to benefit the consumer in the end, so he can get cheaper goods. Right now 60 percent of our exports are electronics – so if we have no electronics, we would be in trouble. We have to get into certain niche areas where we have the advantage. We have to adjust our thinking, know what our national interest is, and try to fight for it."

To his credit, SyCip is practising what he preaches, and how. Five years ago, he and SGV partner Fred Velayo built an auditorium for the students of their alma mater, the Burgos Elementary School. He and Velayo are likewise helping the Ateneo with a study on how to improve public education standards. Recently struck by the fact that even people who can afford to pay full rates are benefiting from the subsidized tuition at the University of the Philippines (UP), he made a donation of P10 million to the university, "one million for each SyCip who studied there and abused the system," he says, only half in jest. "I know I'm being controversial here, but if a thousand graduates from UP would do the same thing – and there are many more than a thousand who can afford it – then UP could easily use that for poor students."

But the again, this businessman, renowned for his integrity, has always had a remarkable sense of what's right. "If I can change the minds of some people, that's enough," SyCip says of his gadfly role. Last year, when David Rockefeller visited Manila as a representative of the Chase Manhattan Bank, on whose international advisory board SyCip sits, SyCip asked the renowned banker to talk about philantrophy instead of profit, and many of the top movers who were present were visibly moved themselves. "He actually said you should have fun giving away your money," SyCip says, "but you must study who you're giving it to."

As with the e-mail, SyCip likes to keep abreast of new ideas and pick the brains of young people, which he does during regular lunches with his two granddaughters, identical twins who are both practising lawyers. "Oh, they don't ask me for advice – I ask them!" he laughs. "They have very open minds, but they were also well brought up and quite conservative, so we're not afraid of drugs or whatever," he adds, obviously proud of all five of his grandkids.

Work is fun for him, SyCip says, so he still enjoys discovering new ideas and trying to solve business problems. On a recent relaxing weekend trip — SyCip's idea of an indulgence — to colleague O.V. Espiritu's house in Punta Fuego, Batangas, the group had lunch at Sonia's Garden in Tagaytay, and SyCip was genuinely fascinated with the garden restaurant's concept of having the same single meal on the menu, all the time. "The woman is a genius!" he exclaims. "Costs and administration will be so easy to control." Now he's bugging his daughter, who maintains her own Tagaytay home, to introduce him to Sonia herself.

He keeps healthy by "walking around all those airports" and watching what he eats. "That's easier to do here, where I can choose what to eat or not, but when you're being hosted and someone baked a cake just for you, it's very hard to be impolite." He enjoys reading and watching movies, and was recently struck by the film "Sweet November," where the lead character, a harried account executive, is able to completely change his lifestyle for a month. "The thought that you can get away like that – the world will be the same when you get back, but you would have changed and learned so many things. Maybe if I saw that film 10 years ago, I might have tried it!"

In the end, it is apparent that the world would be a much better place if its movers and shakers, like Washington SyCip, had their heart in the right place. "I never considered living anywhere else. Like I tell my children, I'm doing my part. You can criticize this country for so many things, but in the end I did have the opportunity to have a good life here. And I must give back what I can."

The Youth View

by Ina Alleco R. Silverio

The Fax Operators Forum churns out press releases on a daily basis, but they report on social issues that rarely make it to the mainstream headlines

Fax Power

THEY'RE THE VOICES THAT BROADSHEET AND TABLOID REPORTERS HEAR BEGGING ON THE OTHER LINE—"FAX TONE, PLEASE! ONE PAGE *LANG, MAIKLI!*" DURING RALLIES AND PICKETS. YOU SEE THEM RUNNING AFTER GMA OR ABS-CBN TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE DEMONSTRATION IS ALL ABOUT. ASK THE PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE MANILA AND QUEZON CITY BEATS WHO SETS UP THE PHOTO-OPPORTUNITY SHOTS THAT LAND IN THE INSIDE OR METRO PAGES — THE EMPTY BASKETS, POTS AND PANS THAT SHOW POVERTY, THE BURNING EFFIGIES, THE LINKED ARMS — AND THEY'LL REFER YOU TO MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP.

They call themselves the Fax Operators Forum, writers of various cause-oriented groups who work round the clock to deliver reports and news releases about events in Philippine society that seldom get covered by the mainstream press. They're young, they're radical, and they're media savvy. Laarni Escresa, 26, Anthony 'Tonyo' Ian Cruz, 25, and Gerry Albert Corpuz, 29 have become immune to headaches, at least the kind that's brought about by their daily deadlines.

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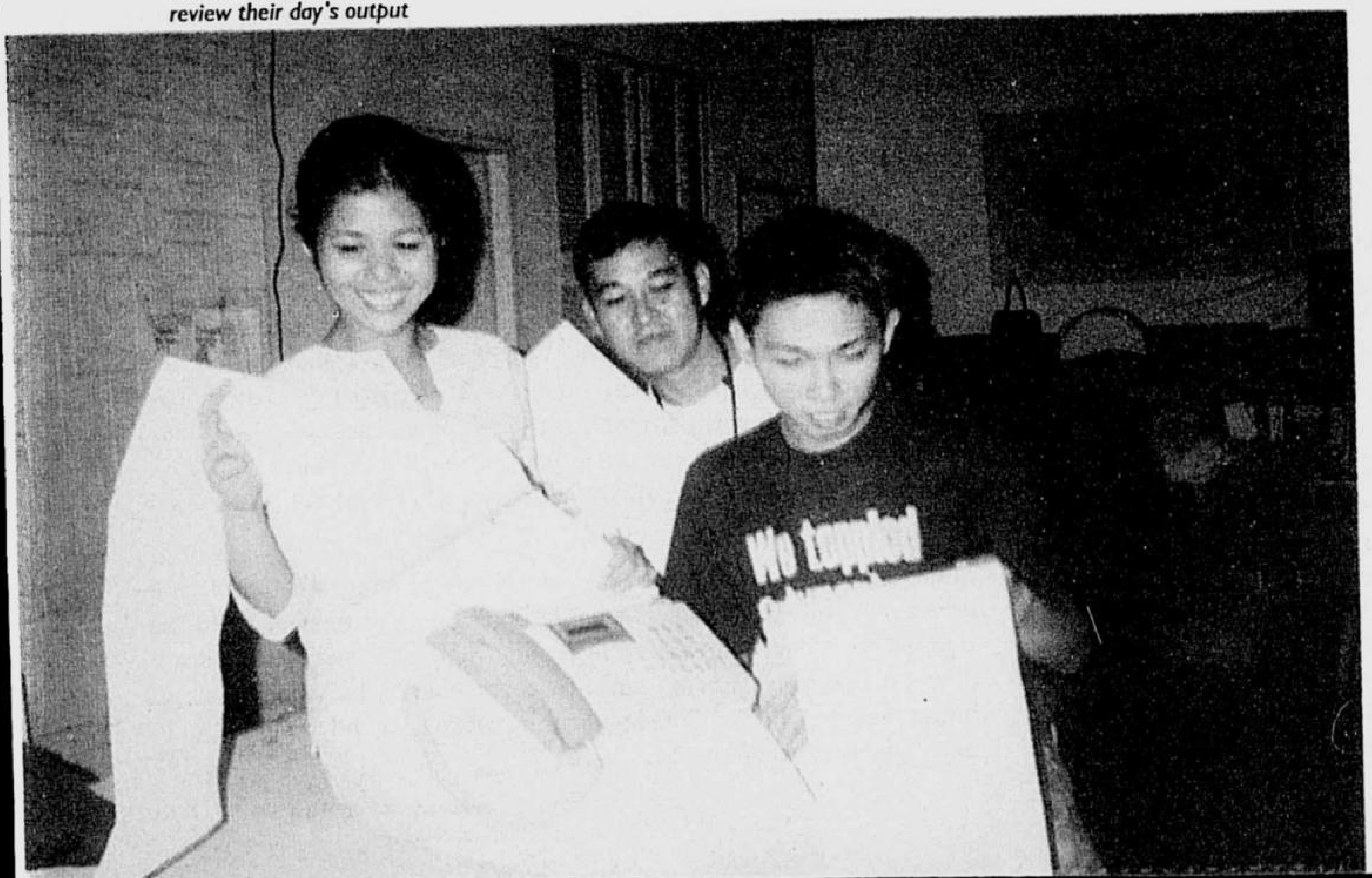
Laarni and Tonyo are from the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan or Bayan, while Gerry is from the fisherfolk group Pambansang Lakas ng Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) and writes for the party Bayan Muna. Along with other media officers of the Moro-Christian People's Alliance (MCPA), the environmental group Kalikasan, the Promotion of Church for People's Response (PCPR), Gabriela, Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) and Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), they comprise FOF, not the biggest, but certainly the meanest team of alternative media reporters this side of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

Like their counterparts in, say, the offices of government officials, or even the advertising agencies, they churn out press releases on a daily basis. "We write the convictions and principles of the people's groups we represent — positions on the issues of the day," says Tonyo. "Try explaining the stand of human rights organizations on the Irene Marcos Araneta vs. Reiner Jacobi case in six paragraphs. The analysis must be sharp but at the same time, the message must be rendered in a way that's non-alienating, and that means being creative."

Fax around the clock: Laarni, Gerry and Tonyo review their day's output



Like the other media officers, Tonyo was a member of the College Editors Guild of the Philippines. Back during his university days at UP Los Baños, he wrote news articles for the UPLB Perspective. Gerry frequently texts his *"suki"* among the media jokes in the form of wacky tabloid headlines like "Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) challenges Citizen's Crusade Against Violence (CCAV) to a showdown." When it was first known that it was accounting he studied and finished at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, everyone was incredulous.

If Gerry is the group comedian, Laarni, a petite UP Diliman economics graduate with brown eyes, is the group's catalyst. She sets the meetings, presides over them, and pushes everyone to be more active in propaganda work.

On the whole, it's a daily struggle to cope with the so-called iron laws of journalism. "We are determined to show that what the movement does or thinks is worth the print space, and air time," says Tonyo.

The FOFers like to think that the mass movement which they represent is raising the level of social debate as it is reported by the media. Any result makes their efforts worthwhile.

"It's not that you feel bad for yourself because you spent a sleepless night finishing a fact sheet and the accompanying press statement, only to find that the newspapers didn't print the story," Gerry says. "What's difficult is explaining, say, to the workers who launched the strike or the farmers whose homes have been bulldozed by real estate companies that the media isn't interested in their plight."

Then there are other more mundane, but nonetheless serious problems with work. *"Minsan yung* fax machine *namin* hassle—*kinakain yung papel,"* Gerry complains. "One time, even the telephone overheated, and I wasn't able to fax all day." Meanwhile, Tonyo says that he sometimes wishes he could go around distributing rolls of fax paper to the various news beats in the metropolis. Apparently, there are days when the news releases don't get to the reporters simply because the press offices run out of fax paper.

Laarni adds that many mainstream reporters are underpaid so most of them stay in press offices instead of going out to personally cover the news events. "Some of them even call us and ask for help."

During the height of the Estrada government's military offensives against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Abu Sayyaf in June last year, Tonyo went to Mindanao and headed the documentation team of the Kalinaw Mindanao group. Laarni makes it a point to commune with the members of the Mangyan tribe whenever they come down to Manila to join the protest actions. Gerry, meanwhile, frequently goes to the coastal areas to talk to peasant-fisherfolk about their livelihood problems caused by the Fisheries Code of 1998 and other government policies which they insist are anti-people and anti-poor.

"It's important in our work to be closely in touch with the very sectors we are writing for," Tonyo says. "This is what gives us encouragement, the strength to improve our work. Advocacy is hollow if you don't know whom you're doing it for."

First Person

by Via Cruz

I was afraid to accept the fact that my marriage was beyond salvation. I cowered at the thought of the stigma of a broken home. But for whatever reason, wife beating is wrong.

Parting

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

I HAVE NO ONE TO RELY ON BUT MYSELF. TRUSTED FRIENDS, CARING AND SUPPORTIVE SIBLINGS, CONCERNED RELATIVES OR ANY OUTSIDERS, NO MATTER HOW MAGNANIMOUS AND WELL MEANING, CANNOT BRING TO MY HOME THE PEACE AND HARMONY THAT I DESIRE. I ALONE AND NO ONE ELSE CAN MAKE OR UNMAKE THE FUTURE THAT I WANT.

The basic problem was my husband, my "bitter" half's basic insecurities that often led to physical, verbal and emotional abuse. His violent outbursts, coupled with his unbridled tongue, made him an uncultured and uncivilized mammal. Did I have to remind him that a husband, especially a professional who is presumed to be educated, should know that the simple way out is to separate without the necessity of mangling a physically inferior wife? The torture inflicted on me through the years was incredible. It stripped me of dignity and self-respect.

For whatever reason, wife beating is wrong. It's abnormal.

(Editor's Note: We want to know what people are thinking these days. Tell us what's on your mind and in your heart. And no, you don't have to be under 30 or over 65 to contribute to this column. We welcome contributions from all ages)

My silence and inaction protected him. I indirectly encouraged him to become a habitual wife batterer. Everybody believed I was *mataray,* considering the way I projected myself in public. I always appeared and looked strong, courageous and assertive. I knew myself, and I was not true to myself. I was afraid to accept the fact that my marriage was beyond salvation. I cowered at the thought of the stigma of a broken home. I wanted my daughters to have a father figure. Never mind if he was obsessed with flesh shows. Never mind if he zigzagged his way home from a drinking spree or from beerhouse-hopping till the wee hours of the morning. Never mind my shattered dream of a responsible and ideal family man, for as long as there was somebody they could call Daddy.

I tried hard but miserably failed to shield the children from the unhealthy atmosphere. My husband saw to it that I failed in that aspect. It was his forte to brainwash them with my assigned faults whenever I was not around and completely unable to defend myself. He was good at lying. He said he could easily right the wrong.

When we were sweethearts decades ago, he declared in his love letter, "I'd rather be branded a fool for loving you than live in this world without you." I believed him and committed the greatest blunder of my life. I married a little boy trapped in a man's body. For several years, I wallowed in the quagmire of a loveless, meaningless marriage. I definitely had a choice but I inexplicably remained Unhappily Married. Nobody could tell anyway that I was the Walking Wounded, the Great Pretender.

I maintained a happy disposition, a cheerful face because I believed, and I still do, that happiness is contagious. But my pretensions only prolonged my agony. I was hooked on a paranoiac, a macho, crazed male.

Like any other mother, I had beautiful dreams for my daughters. I was the typically proud and supportive mom. Whether my children would ever show gratitude, later or never, did not matter to me. After all, I raised them the best way I could.

I attended the Cursillo in the mid-'70s, joined the PREX in the mid-'90s and became a member of the Couples for Christ Movement in mid-'97, hoping that these spiritual activities could somehow help save a marriage that looked doomed from its solemnization. None of these activities lasted.

Then the long-delayed awakening from within: You don't deserve that kind of treatment! It's never too late to regain your self-respect! Give yourself a sense of direction and take a firm hold of the situation. Dump him, the one who believes that the way to make a puppet of an assertive woman is to ram one's fist against her face.

I could not undo, erase or change the past. But I would not allow it to paralyze the present and destroy whatever was left of my future. So I finally made my 15-year overdue decision — to be Happily Separated.

Ironic, but everybody suffered the consequences. It was emotionally draining. No child was mature enough to remain callously unaffected. My poor children! They who were the very reasons why I held on to that ill-fated marriage, always hoping that tomorrow things would be better, whose interests I always considered paramount. My own happiness was always secondary.

My marriage crumbled to pieces. Times and attitudes changed. My formerly giggling girls became aloof and distant. Consequently, my outlook in life also changed. But I have always believed in the here and now, and that happiness is not totally dependent on the circumstances around us, especially those beyond our control.

Whether I was right or wrong, a success or a failure, only time will tell. *Que sera sera.* No regrets. After all, no normal parent intends to leave her children a legacy of sad, bad and bitter memories. I have to face up to the parting of ways and start building a life of my own. All I need are guts and determination, and I have to develop whatever potential there is. I am thankful for my strong faith in Him, for seeing Him behind all the frustrations, disappointments, pain and heartache.

One day recently, I heard my favorite Barbra Streisand song being played on the radio. "What's too painful to remember, we simply choose to forget." And I murmured to myself a quiet reminder: "Don't quit."

The author (real identity withheld) used to teach in a private school but is now in government service.

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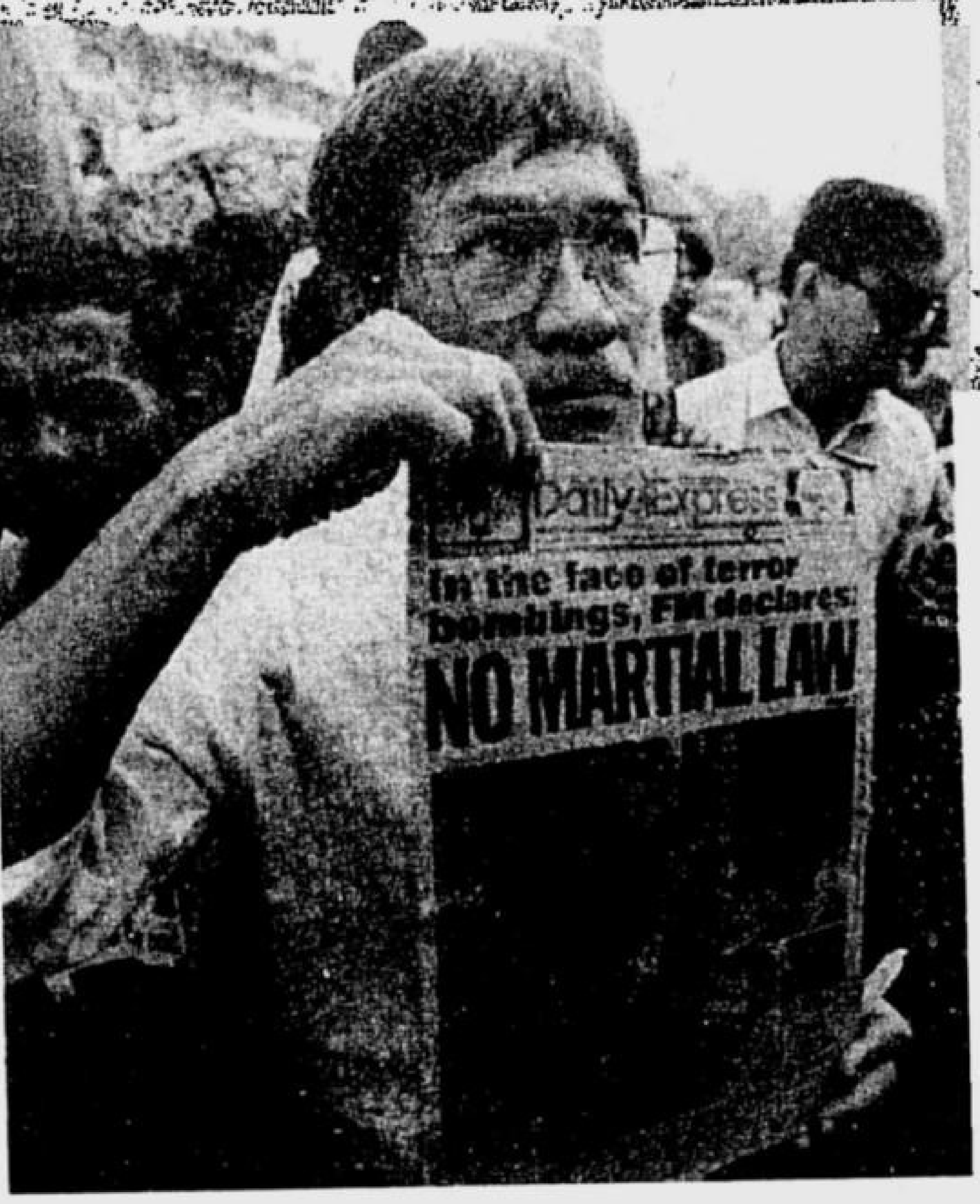

Daily Express
In the face of terror bombings, FM declares:
NO MARTIAL LAW

During his earlier revolutionary days: "No regrets, but I moved on"

justice for victims of human rights violations; a comprehensive and progressive program in basic social services and livelihood; guarantees to the right to self-determination of the Bangsa Moro, Cordillera and other indigenous peoples, and advancing a national policy on peace negotiations.

The agenda reflects a serious bid for political change through mainstream politics, the subject of five years' debate among leaders of the Left which suffered a dismal defeat in the 1987 elections. Assessing its resources clinched the Left's decision to participate in this year's party list elections, says Ocampo. "We saw that the people's organizations had enough networks and strength that can be transformed into an electoral machinery." The most convincing argument however was that by getting involved in the electoral process, they could change it from the inside. "Instead of being outsiders criticizing the system, we must be like gladiators facing the lions."

Because of excessive documentation needed to turn Bayan into a political party, the Left decided in 1999 to form Bayan Muna instead— a brilliant name, as it turns out.

Contrary to charges of "terrorist tactics" that some losing party list groups have hurled at Bayan Muna, Ocampo attributes their decisive win to several factors. "People identified with the party because most of our members are workers, peasants, fisherfolk, urban poor, indigenous folk, woman and the youth." Using their organizational skills, Bayan Muna was able to build "an organization that has chapters in 70 provinces nationwide, with at least 15 members per chapter." Their anti-Estrada projection at the EDSA 2 rally helped, Ocampo admits. And, he adds, they did not only campaign to win, they also monitored the votes and the counting. "That's why it was important for us to be considered a national political party, as this gave us the right to have pollwatchers." The organizational skills again came in handy in training pollwatchers and volunteers.

But it was not a painless victory, Ocampo admits, with former allies sniping at them, and laying various charges at their doorstep—from using guns, goons and gold during the elections, to themselves being *trapos* or traditional politicians, to having a part in the murder of former Cagayan governor Rodolfo Aguinaldo. He has studiously avoided reacting to such provocations, Ocampo says, afraid of fuelling a wider rift among Left-leaning groups. "I'll personally talk with their leaders later to clear up matters," he says. "I'll just take it as a challenge to prove that we will not allow the system to swallow us whole. The ultimate proof is performance."

Fortunately, he's had ample preparation for the post, starting with his peasant origins. Born in Sta. Rita, Pampanga on April 7, 1939 ("Joma (Sison) is just two months older than me"), Saturnino Ocampo, 62, is the fifth of 12 children of farmers Macario Ocampo and Cecilia Cunanan, now 91 years old. He describes his father, who died in 1974, as a crucial influence in his orientation. "He taught us to share whatever we had." In high school, the young Satur composed a few lines about leaving the world a happier and better place to live in and consequently thought of being a priest and then a doctor. It was an unrealistic dream for a farmer's son, to say the least, so he settled on journalism, which he didn't get to finish, at Lyceum. Ocampo worked at The Manila Times from 1963 to 1972, until he realized, he says, that it wasn't enough to expose the truth; he must do something to change matters. He went underground and joined the revolutionary movement shortly after and was detained during martial law. After escaping during a National Press Club election, he was rearrested in 1989, and released in 1992 "when the anti-subversion law was repealed." The former NDF spokesman says that of all his roles, he enjoys that of a journalist the most.

"I think my capacity for endurance prepares me best for this latest role," says Ocampo. His being a revolutionary fighter should add weight and prestige to his post, he adds, because as such, he "gained the trust of the public and the revolutionary forces." Sure he's made some mistakes, which he would "acknowledge and write about at the proper time," but in all, he adds, he has no regrets. "What I am today is a compendium of what I've gone through. I have been consistent all my life, living up to the humanist values taught to us – *mahalin ang Diyos at kapwa* (love God and others). I'm not sorry I was part of the revolutionary movement, but I moved on."

He enters this latest chapter in his life armed with lessons from the recent campaign. "We have a long way to go, *marami pa tayong pakakayurin*," he says of fellow advocates of the politics of change. "Patronage politics still rules and dominates local politics." The Left, he adds, may not be fully convinced that the electoral process will succeed, but it recognizes that each tactic has a role to play.

The way to go, says Ocampo, is to work on parallel streams — the peace process, the armed struggle and the parliamentary option. "The continuing pressure on reactionary forces is the threat of armed struggle, but it is the electoral process that opens government to wider participation.

"It's like planting *palay*," notes this farmer's son. "*Kailangang lumusong ka sa putikan.* (You have to wade into the field and dirty your feet). What's important is to make sure that the *palay* stalk thrives and grows, and that it yields rice for the people."

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by John L. Silva

Forgetting and Reviving Militarism

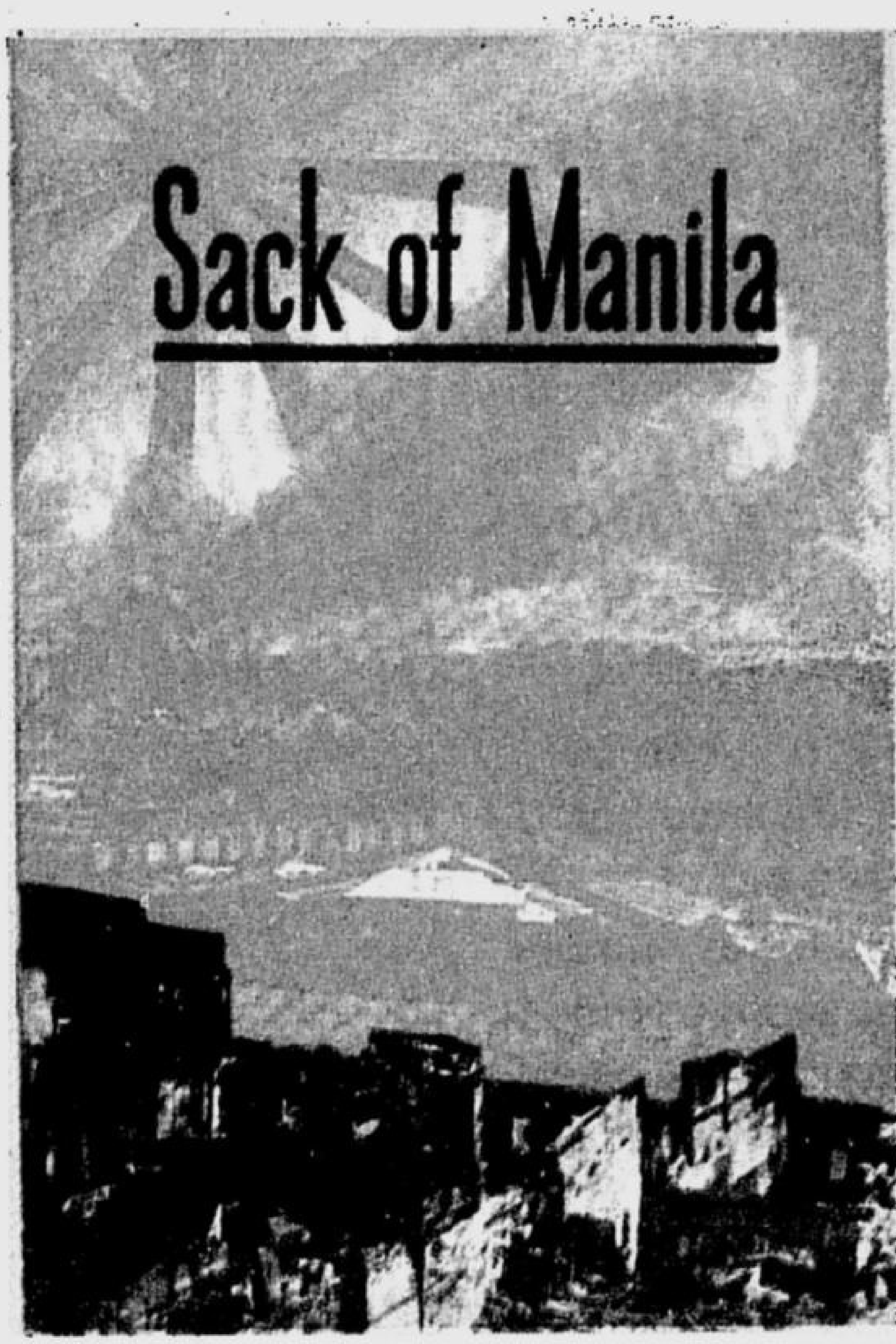
Even as the German government has apologized to victims of its Nazi experiments, the Japanese government has approved the revision of its history textbooks to hide its gruesome role in the war

FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTIONS JAPAN HAS MADE TO THE WORLD, IT IS DYSFUNCTIONAL WHEN IT COMES TO HISTORY. RECENTLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE REVISION OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEXTBOOKS TO FURTHER JUSTIFY ITS ROLE IN INVADING AND OCCUPYING ASIAN COUNTRIES DURING WORLD WAR II. SPECIFICALLY, THE TEXTBOOKS OMIT ANY MENTION OF USING ASIAN WOMEN AS SEX SLAVES OR, AS IS LOCALLY KNOWN, "COMFORT WOMEN."

A 29-page pamphlet titled "Sack of Manila" published by the United States Government Printing Office in 1945 comes to mind. A letter from Elbert D. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs for the US Senate to Sen. Carl Hayden, was used as foreword. The pamphlet, Thomas wrote, with photographs showing the senseless killing of Filipino civilians by Japanese troops during the February 1945 liberation of Manila, would be an "...official condemnation of Japanese atrocities...originating from military sources and issued through the Congress...to ensure full credence to the (atrocity) reports..."

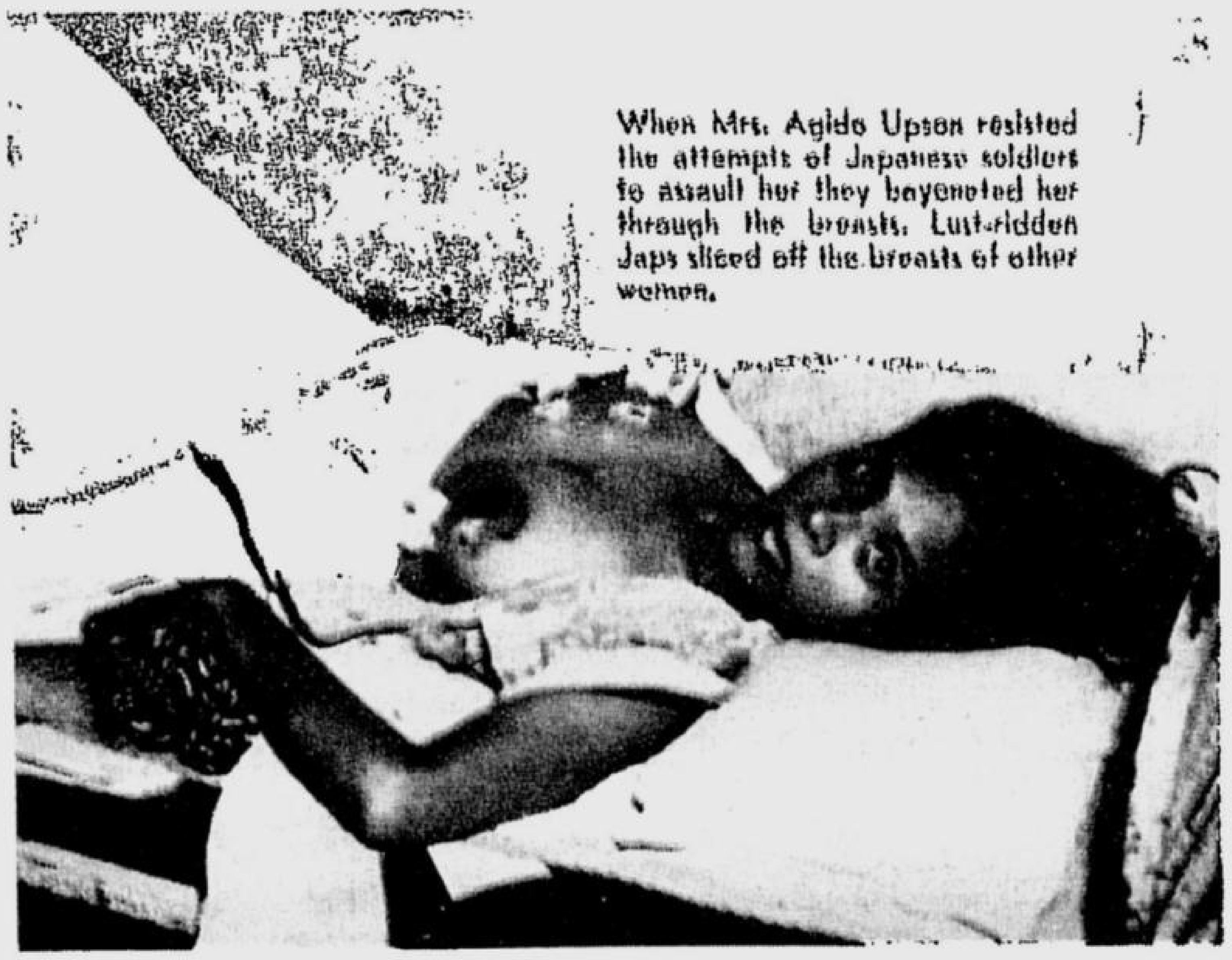
Affidavits by witnesses and survivors describing the carnage comprise the pamphlet's text. A priest taking refuge with 70 other people in De La Salle College saw Japanese soldiers, without provocation, bayoneting men, women and children. The La Salle brothers who fled up the stairs were followed into the chapel where they were bayoneted, shot, or slashed to death with sabers. The priest remembers the Japanese soldiers drinking outside later and returning to "...laugh and mock at our suffering."

On February 7, on the southeast corner of Juan Luna and Moriones Streets, 49 mutilated bodies were found, a third of them children and another third, hog-tied women. At the Campos residence on Taft Avenue, 45 bodies of women were found, raped and mutilated. There were also bodies of several children, all bayoneted. Women survivors also testified about how their breasts were cut off and their genitals pierced with sabers and bayonets. To conserve ammunition, Japanese soldiers would use flame throwers directly on people or throw gasoline on homes where people hid to burn them alive.



Sack of Manila, US Government Printing Office, 1945. Jonathan Best Collection

Even the Red Cross building, supposedly a neutral institution, did not escape the Japanese killing orgy. Modesto Farolan, the acting manager, related how a squad of Japanese soldiers shot and bayoneted everyone they found in the building. As Farolan hid beneath a desk, a young mother beside him, with her 10-day-old baby and the baby's grandmother, were shot to death. "More shootings went on (in) the rest of the building. From where we were, we could hear victims in their death agony, the shrill cries of children and the sobs of dying mothers and girls..."



When Mrs. Agido Upson resisted the attempts of Japanese soldiers to assault her they bayoneted her through the breasts. Lust-ridden Japs sliced off the breasts of other women.

A photo from "Sack of Manila"

In Fort Santiago, over 400 bodies were found in three different places. The first group, about 50 bodies with hands tied behind them were stacked in layers, face down, full of bullet holes. The second group were tubercular patients moved there from a hospital with no food or water. Whenever a civilian asked for water or food, he was bayoneted and his body thrown into the death chamber. The third group died an even more cruel death. About 250 to 300 decomposed bodies were found in an airless 15- by 18-foot cage with a locked steel-bar door. There were no wounds on their bodies and they died of asphyxiation and starvation. It is reported that several hundred thousand Filipinos died in the liberation of Manila, many from being caught in the crossfire, and many the victims of barbarism.

War and conflict bring out the sadistic impulse in human beings. The innate capacity to invoke pain in the cruelest manner is born and nurtured during these times. As the Japanese government hides its gruesome past, the German government recently acknowledged and publicly apologized to those victims who were used as human experiments during the Nazi period. The Japanese government and its perceptible shift to the Right while invoking nationalism, talking about rearming and expunging its past, is a worrisome matter which all Asian countries, including the Philippines, need to watch closely. Reading this pamphlet and remembering the Japanese military's aggression in the Philippines is a first step.

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This Week

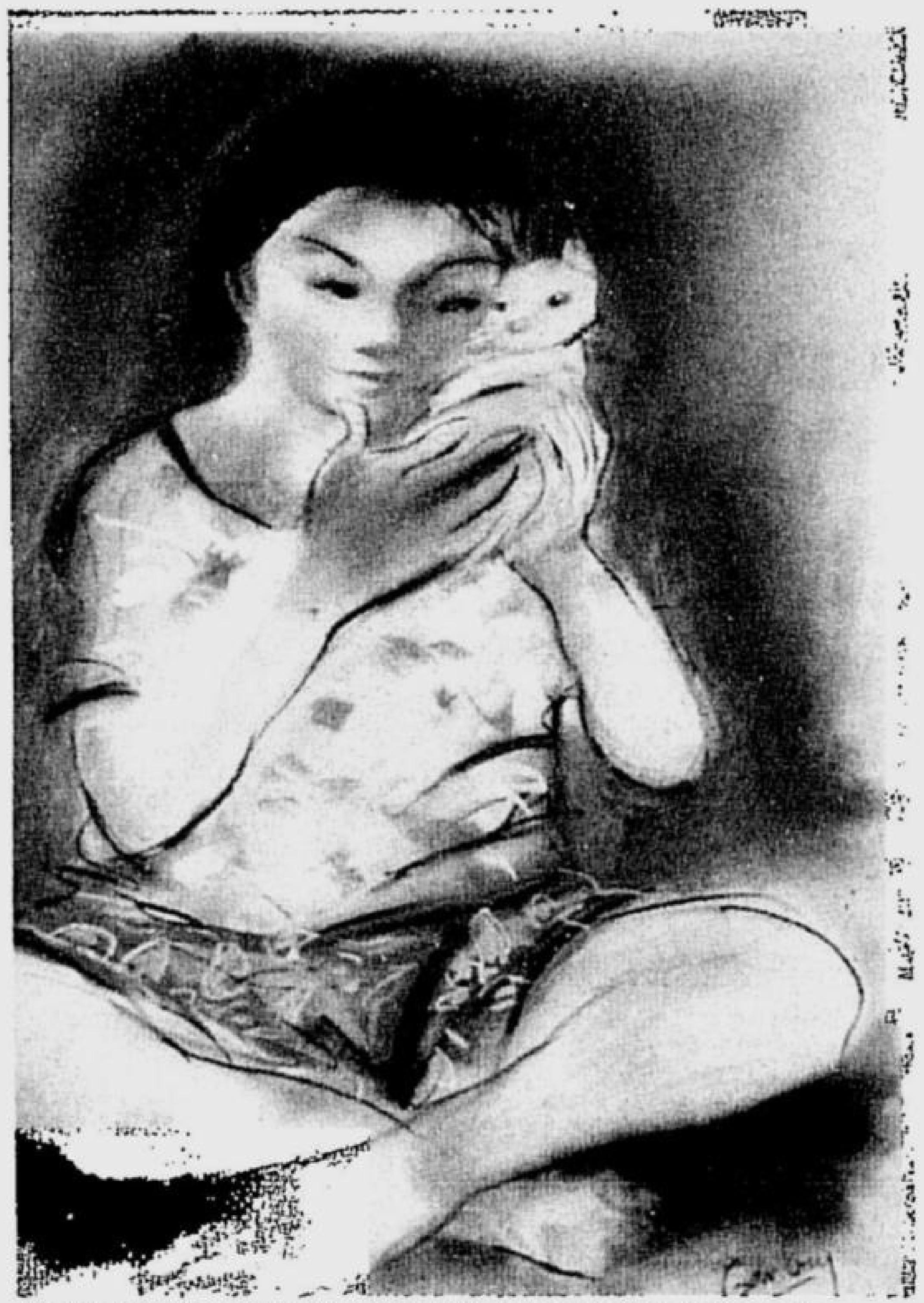
Art

"Gallery Collection," an exhibit of recent works by Isabel Diaz, Lina Llaguno-Ciani and Phyllis Zaballero until July 10 at Galleria Duemila, Bldg. A, SM Megamall. For details, call 634-3261.

Synthetic Solitude, an exhibit of new paintings by Kiko Escora at The Big + Small Art. Co., Upper Lobby, Tower II, The Enterprise Center, Ayala Avenue, Makati until July 19.

City E Scapes, a solo exhibit by Emmanuel "Butch" Garcia at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall until July 8.

Waterfall Series, a mixed media exhibit by Soler at Finale Art File, 4th Floor LaO Centre corner Makati Avenue and Pasay Road, Makati City until July 10.



"Girl with Kitten" by Manny Garibay, on exhibit at Davao's Genluna Gallery

Transformations, an exhibit of new works by Edille Paras at Starbucks, 6750 Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati until July 8.

Onstage

"Ang Buhay Ay Isang Panaginip," a Filipino version of Pedro Calderon de la Barca's Spanish classic "La Vida Es Sueno," opens Tanghalang Ateneo's 23rd Repertory Season. The play will run for three weeks starting July 5 at the Ateneo's Irwin Theater and the FEU Auditorium. For inquiries, call 426-6001, locals 5056 or 5330, or email tanghalangateneo@hotmail.com.

"Bilog" opens Dulaang Talyer's theater season with performances at the CCP Little Theater on July 5, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., followed by performances in Luzon and Mindanao, and culminating at the Abelardo Hall in UP Diliman on July 28-29. For inquiries, call 925-1933 and 920-7964.

Food

Monsoon Restaurant + Bar at the 2nd level of the Linden Suites in Ortigas offers eat-all-you-can appetizer buffet plus unlimited servings of local beer from 5-9 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Monsoon also features Trumpets artists in a series of live performances on Wednesdays and Fridays. For inquiries, call 638-7878 loc. 8322 and 634-1753.

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27th FNRI Seminar Series on Food and Nutrition Researches with the theme *"Palaganapin: Wastong Nutrisyon, Mula Diwa Hanggang Gawa"* will be held on July 5-6, FNRI Auditorium, General Santos Avenue, DOST Compound, Bicutan, Taguig. For details, call 837-2071 local 2295 and 837-8113 local 310.

Puratos Phils. Inc. will host the first **Global Wedding Cake Competition.** Eliminations are held nationwide particularly in Cebu and Bacolod for the Visayas region. Davao and Cagayan de Oro for Mindanao will commence July and August 2001. Eliminations for Metro Manila is scheduled on July 3. For details, call 838-5110 to 15.

The Woman's Way of Self-Defense, a four-session course on basic useful strikes, hand-to-hand defense, anti-rape techniques and some bonus lessons at the Clean Body Clean Mind Health and Fitness Center, 441 Malaya St., Mandaluyong City. Schedule 1 is every Saturday (July 7, 14, 21, 18), 2-4 p.m.; Schedule 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays (July 3-26) 6-7 p.m. For inquiries, call 532-6395.

The Ayala Museum Shop is holding its **mid-year sale** until July 15. Avail of up to 75 percent discount on existing products inspired by the museum's special exhibits and permanent collections—from stationery items to bags. For details, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 122.

"Tanghalin ang Tanghalan," a regional theater assembly by the Committee on Dramatic Arts—NCR of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts to discuss outstanding theater among the professional groups, school-based groups, community theater groups and sector-based theater groups for the past five years will be held on July 7-8, NCCA Building, 633 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila. For details, call 527-2209 and 531-8843.

This July, Escuela sa Museo will open five **Basic Drawing Classes** for adults and adolescents, and Basic Arts and Crafts workshop for kids every Saturday. For information on the schedules, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 130 or visit Ayala Museum, Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The first **national conference on human ecology and nutrition** will be held on July 3-4 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City. The conference aims to define the role of human, ecological and nutritional security in the era of globalization. For details, call 844-7971 and 818-7398.

Submissions are open for the upcoming **anthology of artistic and literary works** on any theme by La Sallian alumni and/or. formerly Malate members and editors. Send all manuscripts with short biography to Ana Ablaza Baluyut at acablaza@hotmail.com in MS Word or Rich Text Format. Artworks and illustrations must be in black and white. There is no theme required. Deadline is July 30.

Chinese cancer expert Prof. Wang Zhen Guo's book titled **"The Cancer Terminator"** is now accessible on the Internet via www.cancerherbal.com for free download. The book is also available in Metro Manila bookstores. For details, call 415-8714 and 781-0069.

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Emmanuel Garibay is holding an exhibit of drawings in Davao City's Genluna Gallery (12 General Luna St.) until July 7. For details, call (082) 226-2104.

St. Scholastica's Center of Spirituality in Iruhin West, Tagaytay City presents its fourth year program of offerings especially for women seeking a time and place for quiet prayer and renewal: "Parenting as a Spiritual Journey" (Special Module for Couples/ Parents)—July 6-8; "Women and Spirituality," July 20-22. For reservations, call telefax (046) 413-1535 or email sscs@yesmynet.com.

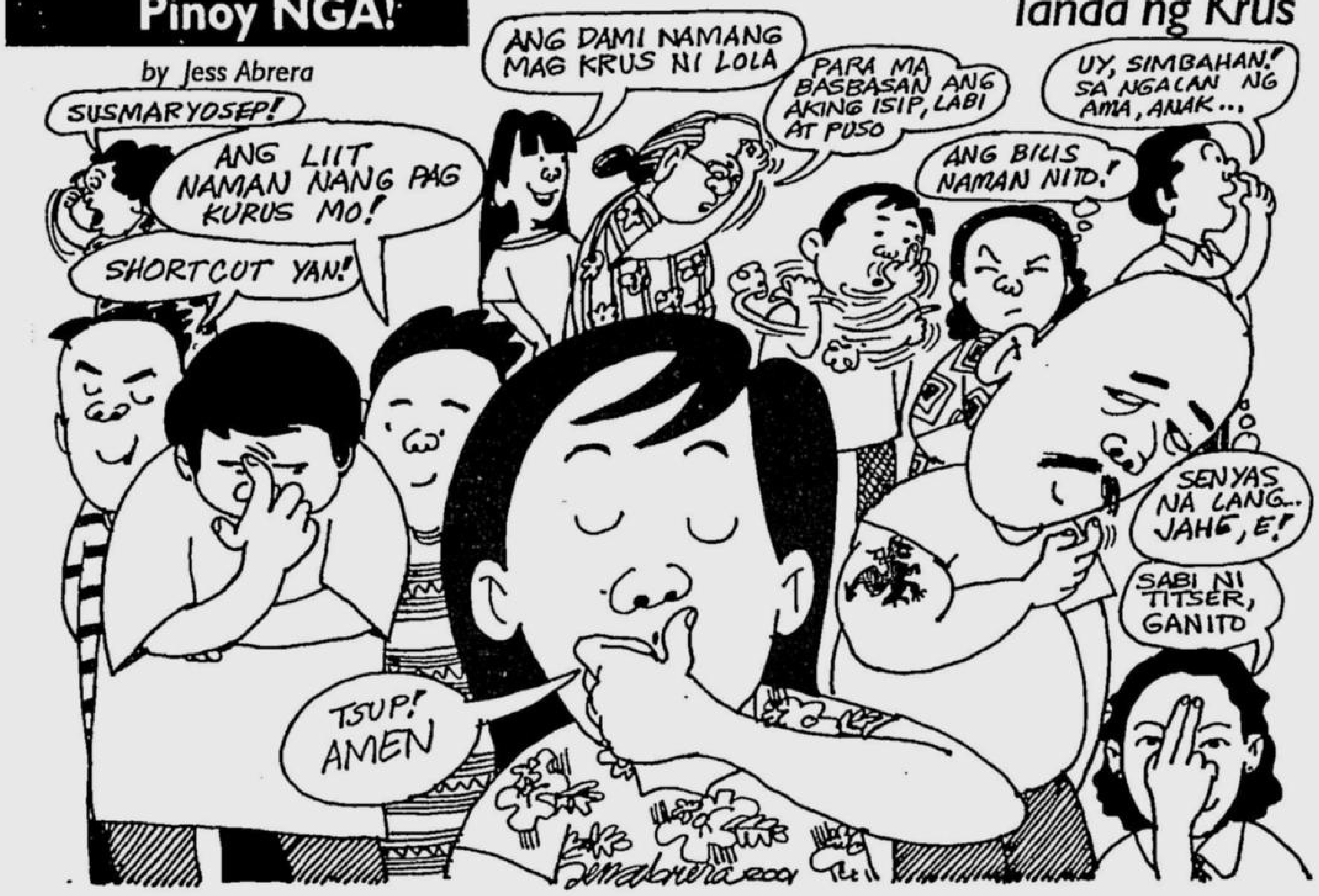
The **Purple Ostrich Café, Bar, Disco and Concert Hall** of Island Cove Resort and Leisure Park in Kawit, Cavite has regular performances for evening revelers with varied interests: Mondays & Tuesdays—Bar with sing-along; Wednesdays—The Library (Malate) Goes to Island Cove; Thursdays—Ballroom Dancing; Fridays—Friday Night Live, live band performances with disco; Saturdays—Disco. For reservations, call (046) 434-0120 or (02) 810-3740 and 810-3728.

Hole, a dark, hippish goth bar recently opened on Fields Avenue corner Teodoro in Balibago, Angeles City will feature regular "unplugged" acoustic sessions, "dada nights," and open mic poetry jams by some of the city's local indie acts. For details, call (045) 331-2221 or email webmaster@spreadhead.net.

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

Tanda ng Krus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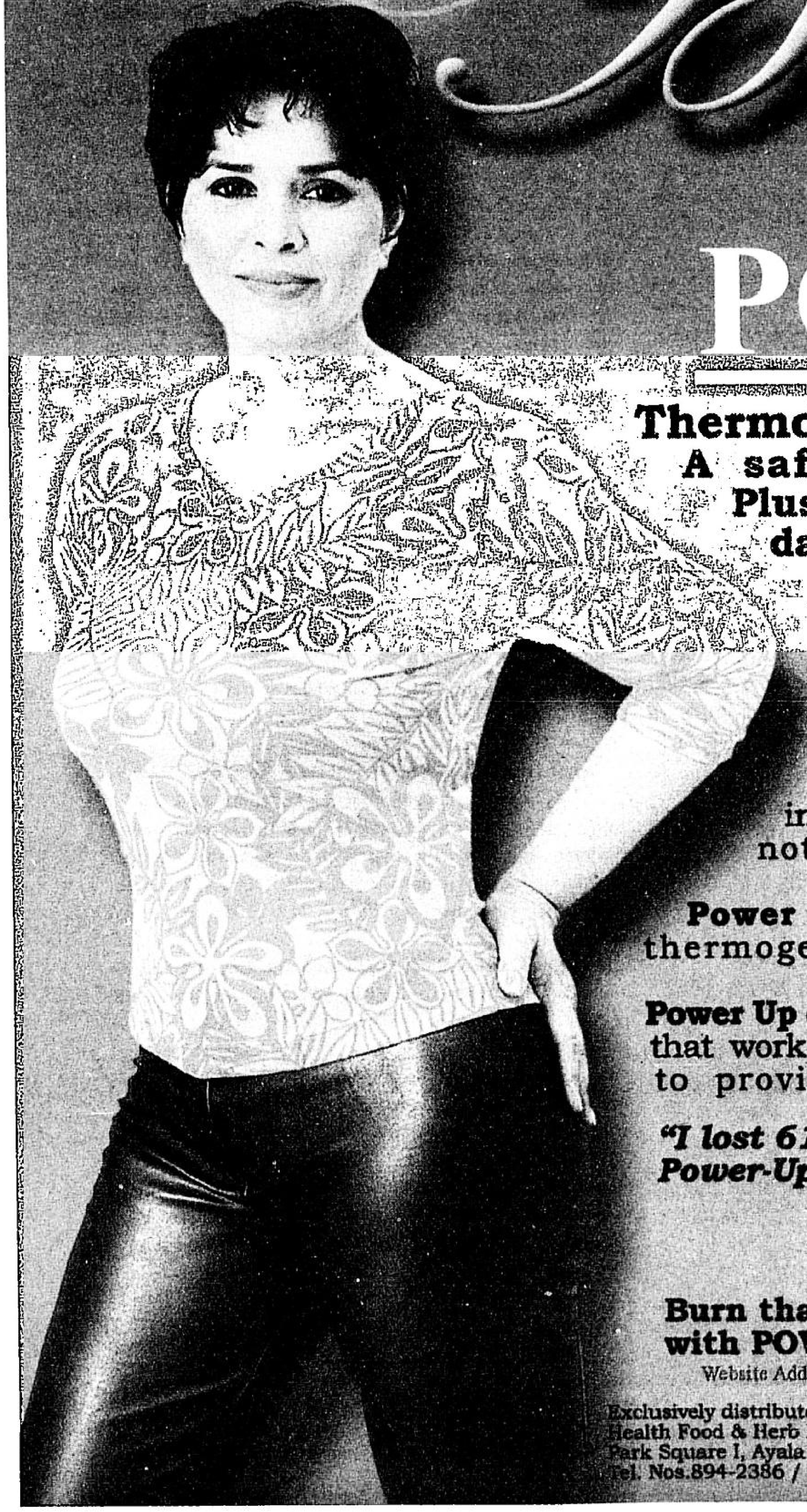
POWER & Beauty



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